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Conducted by F. H. GRIFFITH

The Automatic Coin Savings Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH

A bank with a fortune telling motif is our choice to occupy the 52nd position in our classification articles. This bank is the Automatic Coin Savings Bank, also known as the Fortune Teller Building. Since there is a bank actually named the Fortune Teller Savings Bank it is felt that the Automatic Coin Savings Bank should be called by its proper name, particularly in view of the

fact that this name appears on the bank itself and was used in the old advertisements offering the bank for sale.

The Automatic Coin Savings Bank was made and sold during the period of the 1890's. As a matter of fact in the November 1893 issue of the New Peterson Magazine there appears an advertisement offering the bank for sale. The bank is pictured in this ad. The ad itself is of interest and it reads as follows:

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The bank shown was obtained by the writer from the collection of the late Dr. Arthur E. Corby. It is completely original and in fine condition with no repairs. This specimen has a bronze type finish. It was also made in a nickel plate finish.

To operate the bank a coin is dropped into the provided slot. This causes the wheel of fortune to turn one notch and the motto appears in the space as shown in the picture. Each coin used turns the wheel one notch at a time. It does not spin.

The materials used in making the bank are of interest. The wheel of fortune is made of cardboard, wood, and tin. Tin strips are set into the wood framework of the wheel and arranged in such a way as to trap each coin, moving the wheel a notch, and then releasing the coin. The weight of the coin, of course, causes the wheel to turn. The fortunes are printed in black on the white cardboard face of the wheel. Colored cardboard in blue or red is fastened to the inside of the grillwork in front and in back of the building. This, of course, imparts some color to the bank, and the writer's specimen is in red. The entire shell or frame of the building is cast iron.

There is a good deal of wording on the bank and this is as follows: On the slanted top of the bank over the coin slot appears 'Drop A Coin.' Opposite this 'And I Will Tell Your Fortune.' On the face of the building appears the name of the bank 'Automatic Coin Savings Bank,' and below this 'National Savings'.

The Automatic Coin Savings Bank is a very interesting different type of mechanical bank. It is a difficult item to find and particularly so in good condition. There are six, possibly seven, of these banks known to exist in private collections.





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Numismatics

Money of Yesteryear

By CHARLES FRENCH

All United States paper money dating since 1861 when the first "demand" notes were printed are still redeemable. This is very unusual throughout the world where the life of validity of paper notes seldom lasts more than a decade or two, and even if their life is longer, they have become greatly reduced in value through inflation.

With the advent of government printing paper money in 1861 a change in the history of Numismatics occurred. Prior to that date, paper money was issued by banks, States, and in some instances private companies. They were not very secure and were "traded" in by merchants according to their actual value. Weekly papers were issued denoting the change in values of various current notes. Some were accepted at face, others bore a 5%, 10% and even up to a 75% discount off of their face. A very uncertain situation. All notes today, prior to 1861 are no longer redeemable and are known as "obsolete" or "broken bank bills."

When the first green backs, or "demand" notes were issued in 1861 very little confidence was placed in them, and citizens felt certain that they ultimately would go the way of all previous paper money. This was not the case. Today our paper money is the best in the world.

All United States paper money has upon it in one form or another the Treasury seal, and must have the two signatures. These represent a sort of contract between the issued, the USA and the holder of the note. A promise to pay in one form or another. It is reported that the original Treasury seal was designed by Governor Morris in 1778. There is represented in the seal, a key for safety, scales for equality, and a square for rectitude, its legend "the saur Amer. Septent Sigil" means: The Seal of the Treasury of North America.

The first Demand Notes were nothing more than a promise by the United States Government to pay on demand. They contained no evidence of backing. They are still redeemable. "Good as Gold" is a very appropriate term when speaking of them.

These were closely followed by the

issues of Legal Tender notes. First struck in 1862 they were printed at various times until the last large sized bills, in 1923. They too are a "promise" to pay.

For a while, during 1863 there were issued compound interest treasury notes. These were printed to raise money for the Civil War. They paid 6% and are today very rare.

Then, in 1879, Refunding certificates that had a 4% interest were issued.

The first silver certificates were authorized in 1878 and were printed for many years. The demand for paper currency that was backed by hard money and not just a promise to pay was finally achieved, for these certificates were actually backed by newly coined silver dollars, deposited in the treasury to back the bills up. The millions of silver dollars put away to back these notes are the ones now being released as demand requires. It is estimated many years will pass before all of these will be placed into circulation. While we have Silver certificates today, their backing is different. "Payable in SILVER" instead of payable in silver dollars. This eliminates the coming of so many silver dollars and enables the government to put the backing away in bullion instead of coins.

In 1890 the Treasury or Coin notes were issued, and differ from the silver certificates insofar as they could be redeemed in either silver or gold, at the discretion of the Treasury.

Gold Certificates were some of the most colorful issued and were very popular for they were backed by gold coin deposited for this purpose with the Treasury. The Gold Act of 1933 put an end to these and they were required to be turned in for other notes. Due to the emergency, the promise

to pay in gold was cancelled, but the notes were redeemed at face with other money. They are still redeemable, but not in gold coin.

National bank notes were in service from 1863 through 1929 and were issued by thousands of banks throughout the country. These were permitted provided the bank of issuance had or deposited with the government U. S. Government bonds up to 90% of value.

Federal Reserve bank notes are very similar to the National bank notes, but instead of charter banks issuing them, they were issued by the twelve Federal Reserve banks throughout the country. Their backing was similar to the National Bank Notes.

Federal Reserve Notes first appeared in quantity during World War I and are not much more than a promise to pay, similar to the Demand notes of the Civil War. They filled the need of more currency during the war and are still in circulation in the form of small sized Federal Reserve notes.

Many of the old large sized notes are rare today and most all demand a premium provided their condition warrants. Badly worn or torn bills are not collectors items, and large notes should be in very fine to crisp, new condition to demand premiums. A very fine note can have seen circulation but very little. A crisp new one must be as it was printed, no folds, creases or anything.

If you have any of these notes the information that describes them is first Denomination, type such as silver certificates, Legal Tender note, etc. Series of year must be given, and then the two signatures, such as Speelman and White, etc., etc. And last, but not least, CONDITION.



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By CHARLES FRENCH

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Question:

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—Mrs. Wm. E., Colorado

Answer:

We note the coins you have but regret that none are of any premium value excepting the 1920 large cent which is worth 5¢.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I have a silver coin from the Netherlands which bears the date 1871. It is a 2½ golden piece carrying a likeness of William III. The Face has William III Koning Der Ned. G.H.V.L. The reverse has Munt Van Het Koninkryk Der Nederlanden 1871, a Coat-of-Arms. The man who brought this coin home after World War II was

told it was worth \$35. I can see no reason for it commanding such a high value since it is only 85 years old. I shall appreciate any information you can give me.

—B. M. R., Missouri

Answer:

Age does not necessarily determine the valuation of rare coins. However, this piece is quite common and has a catalogue valuation of \$3, which is just about what it sells for.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I have an 1865 3¢ nickel piece with the letters TED joined at the top in word UNITED. At the T and D it then joins the rim. The coin is in fine condition. At left is a sketch I have drawn, showing the joined letters. I would like to know of any value this particular coin may have.

—G. D., New York

Answer:

The illustration indicates that the die had a break when it was coined. I do not know of many collectors looking for minor varieties of three cent nickels and do not think this is worth more than any other 1865 three cent piece.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I have an 1834 gold half eagle. As I am a type collector I would like to get a gold eagle, \$10.00, of the same Goddess head type. I don't see them advertised, though I often see the 1795, 1800, 1801, etc., the old type. Why don't I ever see the 1834 type? Do you know of any?

—A.C.L., North Carolina.

Answer:

There is no \$10 with the same head as the 1834 \$5. \$10s were not made from 1804 until 1838 and the Liberty Head design was commenced then.

—C. F., New York

Question:

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—C. R., Ohio.

Answer:

There are at present five lire to one cent, and your note is for 10 centesimi or one-tenth of one lire. It is, therefore, valued at 1/50 of a cent. It is dated 1918 and is no longer good.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Could you help me identify and evaluate the coin — sketches and rubbings of which are enclosed. The metal seems to be brass or some alloy. The coin seems to be so old that clearer detail is impossible. Is it possible at all to identify the characters on this coin?

—G. McC., California

Answer:

The coin you have is a large bronze of ancient Rome. I regret that I cannot give you very much information for the letters as marked down do not coincide with any known ruler, usually, on the obverse left of the head, the ruler's name appears, "Hannirinus." Aug, is August (ruler) COS I is "first year of Reign," CD should be a mint mark but it is not listed. Reverse has Diana standing, SC stands for Rome. Rather bad condition from rubbing, hence valued at about 50c.

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—H. F., New York.

Answer:

The coin is a Maundy piece but in badly worn condition so is not desirable to collectors. If you were to offer it for sale, an asking price of 5c and 10c would be about right.

—C. F., New York

Question:

We are enclosing rubbings of a large silver coin, found on the local beach, by a small boy who brought it to the museum for identification. A profile is on the obverse. Beneath the profile is a small "SF" and encircling it is the inscription R.I.M.P.-HU-BO-REG.M. Thersia.D.G. On the reverse is a coat of arms, not clear in the rubbing, with a crown over a two-headed eagle and the inscription BURG.CO.TYR.1780X AR-CHID.AVST-DUX. Elaborate carvings and some indistinct inscriptions are on the edge of the coin. We will appreciate any information you can supply about this interesting piece.

—D. L. G., Delaware.

Answer:

The coin is a Thaler of Maria Theresa of Austria. While it is dated 1780 it does not necessarily mean that the coin was struck that year for they were coined with that date until 1930s and I believe are being recoined again now. Same date.

The reason for the lack of change is interesting. These were coined and accepted by the natives of Ethiopia as trade dollars. They, knowing them to be good silver, will not tolerate any change, not even the date, hence the constant repetition. They are not rare coins. Valued at around \$1.00.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I have a five dollar bank note in very good condition issued by The American Bank Note Company, New York. "The Bank of Crawford County—Meadow, February 1st, 1863, will pay Five Dollars to bearer on demand." In the upper right and left corner there is a picture of a man on horseback watering a horse, signed by the President of the bank, etc.

Would there be any value to this bill? The number is 2967.

—Mrs. J. K. W., Pennsylvania

Answer:

The \$5 bill you have is of good premium value, however, just now much is determined by its exact condition which you do not mention.

—C. F., New York

Around The World**Victor Emmanuel's Collection**

From the Chicago Tribune

A lifelong coin enthusiast, the former king, who died in exile in Egypt in 1948 after abdicating in favor of his son, ex-king Humbert II, now in exile in Portugal, never allowed anyone to examine his coins. And he died with one great regret, that 80 gold pieces minted 500 years ago by the Republic of Genoa were missing from the collection.

Fearing his collection would be captured, destroyed or split up, Victor Emmanuel had the coins packed into specially built steel boxes, and ordered a truck convoy assigned exclusively to transporting the royal collection to various storage sites.

For five years the 27 steel boxes were shuttled by truck all over Italy. At one point, however, one box was forced open and the 80 Genoese gold pieces were stolen. No trace has been found of them since.

Throughout the rest of their travels, the other coins remained safe. They passed to the government after Victor Emmanuel's death, and recently the Italian Numismatic Institute was given permission to sort and catalog the collection.

Victor Emmanuel started the collection as a boy, and developed a passion for searching out the world's rarest coins, as well as complete sets of currency in use in every country.

The king himself often would go incognito to auctions, accompanied by a secretary who did the bidding after the king had made his appraisal.

Face value of the collection is estimated at 6 million dollars. It rivals in value the 400,000 piece collection of Louis XIV of France, now the property of the French republic.

The 27 strong boxes each weigh half a ton. City engineers feared the palace's old floors would collapse under the collection's concentrated weight. So steel scaffolding were rigged against walls and ceilings to strengthen the old structures.

MORGAN DOLLARS

(All Uncirculated)

1878-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91
P mint, each \$5.00
1897-98-1900-1903 P mint Unc. \$5.00 ea.
1875-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-97-98-99
1900-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-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Animated Bell Ringer Toys

(See Cover)

By F. H. GRIFFITH

There is no doubt that mechanical banks are the leading collector's item in the field of old children's toys. This is no reflection on doll collecting as this is a separate specialized field of its own. The old cast iron toys such as the various horse drawn type, including fire engines, circus wagons, carriages of all types, streetcars, then trains and old toy automobiles are all very desirable collector's items. However, another specialized group of cast iron toys has become especially desirable and in a number of cases are being sought after by the collectors of mechanical banks. These are the animated bell ringing pull toys which enjoyed a popularity during the same period as the mechanical banks.

Two companies were very active in the particular field of manufacturing bell ringing pull toys. These companies, the Gong Bell Manufacturing Company and the N. N. Hill Brass Company, made a wide variety of the toys with many different subjects and actions involved. In this respect they are very similar to mechanical banks. The various mechanical actions of the animated bell ringing toys are along simpler lines, however, than those of the mechanical banks. Other companies made some bell ringers and of particular interest is the J. & E. Stevens Company, the top manufacturer of mechanical banks, Watrous Manufacturing Company, and Ives-Blakeslee & Company. Hubley entered into the picture, and no doubt Wilkins and a number of others made some of these interesting toys.

As with the mechanical banks, many intriguing and interesting names were given to the bell toys. Among these are Ding Dong Bell (a rare mechanical bank has the same name), Whoa Der Ceaser Evening News Baby Quieter, Wild Mule Jack, The Columbus Egg, Mary And Her Little Lamb, The Cossack And The Jap, Are You A Buffalo, Uncle Sam And The Don, Trick Elephant Bell Ringer, Kicking Mule Bell Ringer, Cinderella's Chariot, The Tramp, The Surf Boat, The Clown Bell Ringers, Jonah And The Whale, John Bull And Uncle Sam, and many others.

To properly classify as an animated bell ringer the toy must have some movement of a figure involved with the ringing of the bell. There are several in the

group, however, that are not strictly speaking, animated. Examples would be Daisy, Landing Of Columbus, and Cinderella's Chariot. In these the bell rings, however, no other movement takes place. These are, nevertheless, very interesting well made cast iron bell ringers and could be compared to the semi-mechanical group of banks as compared to the mechanicals.

There are, of course, other types of bell ringers such as those of strap iron and tin, also bells between two wheels, or a horse pulling a bell. These are not in the same class nor should they be confused with the fine type of bell ringers under discussion. They are not nearly as desirable, nor do they have the appeal of the cast iron type. There are several exceptions in the tin type, and two of these are the large size Camel and Horse bell ringers made by the Gong Bell Manufacturing Company. These are both well made and when found in good condition are desirable. In several exceptional cases there are cast iron bell ringers in combination with moving tin figures and these are at the top in desirability. Examples of these are the Monkey And Pony, The Bell Ringers, and The Girl In Cart.

Several bell ringers from the writer's collection are shown. The Drummer Boy is a fine example and was designed by Charles Bailey, the foremost designer of mechanical banks. The Happy Hooligan Automobile and the Double Ripper Sled were made by the N. N. Hill Brass Company. The Monkey On Tricycle was made by the J. & E. Stevens Company, and the Poodle Dog Ding Dong Bell, and Eagle were manufactured by Gong Bell Manufacturing Company. Buster Brown And Tige was made by Watrous Manufacturing Company. The Telephone Chimes Hello Hello is an item of the mid 1880's and is pictured for sale in the 1885-86 Catalog of Selchow & Righter. They are brightly painted in appropriate colors and are well made toys comparable to the procedure used in making mechanical banks.

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Numismatics

Money of Yesteryear

By CHARLES FRENCH

Don't disregard the value of Canadian coins. In the last few years, the Canadian Numismatic Association has been organized, a Canadian national organization for promoting interest in coin clubs, and coin collecting. This has fostered an ever increasing interest in the organization of new local coin clubs and is increasing the number of coin collectors in Canada.

While the Canadian Numismatic Association is yet small, it is growing steadily. It publishes a monthly booklet.

For the last few years, an annual catalogue has been issued by a Canadian numismatic concern giving the current values of all Canadian coins and paper money.

Both numismatic association and annual catalogue have been a great stimulus to Canadian coin collecting. Canadians and Americans alike are actively seeking formerly ignored coins. Catalogue valuations clearly indicate scarcity of a great many items. As is the case with American coins, the uncirculated specimens are valued much higher than the used ones.

In America there is scarcely a family that does not have a few old coins in a box somewhere, and usually there are a few old Canadian pieces therein. I have noticed that such pieces are usually in remarkable state of condition even though tarnished, unlike the battered old U.S. pieces that usually find their way to such a box. This is probably due to their not having been current in the United States at the time they were acquired. Had they been spendable, they would have been passed, for that is the natural tendency.

The Canadians do not issue very many proof coins for collectors but they do issue Year Sets and take pains to see that such coins are above average. Many of them have a real proof-like lustre. A Year Set consists of one coin of each denomination, from the cent to the dollar, of any given year. These are very popular among collectors and show great tendency to rise rapidly in value. Year Sets, with the dollars included, can date from 1935 up. Prior to that time the Sets were without the silver dollar as none were coined before that.

There are many celebrated rarities in the Canadian series that

should be sought with great care. In the half dollar series, there is a variety of 1947 with a maple leaf and a CURVED numeral seven in the date that catalogues from \$50 to \$140, depending upon condition. For the 1921 half dollar, there were 176,793 coined, but only 25 specimens are known to exist. Their catalogue valuation is from \$500 to \$1500.

A variety of the 25c piece, with a small dot below the wreath on the reverse, in UNCIRCULATED condition, has a catalogue valuation of \$40. A 25c piece of 1875, catalogues from \$35 to \$120.

There is a dime of 1913 that has extra broad leaves in the wreath on the reverse. This catalogue from \$10 to \$40, depending upon condition. The 1936 dime with a dot below the wreath, as was the case of the 1936 quarter is well nigh priceless for only six are known! The 1936 dime without the dot is very common. Other outstandingly rare dimes are 1893, round top numeral three, \$30 to \$100; 1889, \$75 to \$200; 1884, \$20 to \$75; 1875, \$30 to \$100; 1872, \$15 to \$45.

In the five cent series, the date 1921 catalogues from \$75 to \$225; 1884, \$12 to \$50. The first coined as a Province of Canada five cent variety, with LARGE DATE, is Rare, and catalogues from \$25 to \$60. The 1936 cent with dot on reverse is priceless as only eight are known. Small cents of 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925 are scarce. Outstanding large cents in great demand are 1859 over 1858; with narrow "9" 1891; small date 1900; without the letter "H" 1858; 1907 with the letter "H".

Gold coins of Canada are very scarce as they were only coined with the Canadian design for three years, 1912, 1913, and 1914, in denominations of \$5 and \$10. English sovereign designs were struck at the Canadian mints, however, and must be considered Canadian coins. This occurred in 1908, '09, '10, '11, '13, '14, '16, '17, '18, '19 and all are very rare.

These can be identified by the small mint mark letter on the reverse, "C" for Canada.

No more coins are struck for Newfoundland since its consolidation into the Canadian Dominion. The last coin for Newfoundland was struck in 1947. The series, too, has many scarce items, particularly in choice condition. Outstanding are the cents of 1880 with oval "O", 1885, 1888; five cents of 1873 with letter "H", 1885, and 1946; ten cents of 1885; and the popular Newfoundland two dollar gold pieces.

In addition to the above mentioned outstanding rarities, reasonable premiums can be obtained on most any old Canadian coins provided their condition is nice. This is the case with the Newfoundland series also. The valuations given are catalogue valuations, and one should expect to receive between 50 percent and 80 percent of these valuations if one has coins to dispose of.

Interest in Canadian large sized bills is still in its infancy. Many notes have been printed that today are very rare, particularly in crisp, new condition of the old, large size style. Canadian currency has followed closely the American series. All of their bills are still redeemable. When we reduced the size of our notes the Canadians did so shortly thereafter. Their notes are of very nice design.

I believe notes of the Canadian series, in crisp, new condition, are an excellent investment for the future. Many now catalogue well over the \$50 mark. They are generally divided into the following classifications, the Dominion notes, the early notes of the Province of Canada, Bank notes, Newfoundland cash notes, Government of Newfoundland notes, and Bank of Canada notes.



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financial lives of our national leaders. For example, Hostick owns a check made out by Ulysses S. Grant to his wife for the sum of \$1,000. Nine years later, Grant died in debt, yet his posthumously published memoirs reaped \$500,000. Naturally, Hostick's collection is quite valuable. Since it

is one of the few of its kind, it is impossible to determine its exact worth, though it is insured for \$25,000. As separate items, checks penned by Presidents Taylor and Tyler are the two rarest documents. For the past year, Hostick has displayed at various banks throughout the country so that people can participate in the fascinating game of eavesdropping on our Presidents during their more down-to-earth moments.

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ANDREW JACKSON. This particular collector's item was made out to Jackson's nephew, Andrew Jackson Donelson. Donelson acted as administrator of Jackson's plantation, the Hermitage, near Nashville, Tenn. It is dated October 6, 1830, and is for \$1,163.17.

COIN QUIZ

By CHARLES FRENCH

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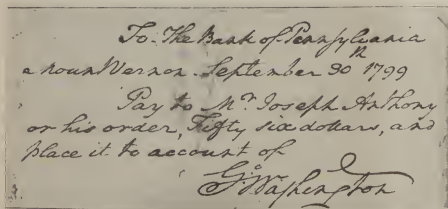
Could you please tell me what country, state or city, and whether they are coins or tokens. 1. Cochin, Dutch India Colony, Travencore, silver (rubbing). 2. Obverse, J.F.A.R. PALITELIG, anchor within wreath, reverse, ornate monogram JFP, eight stars around, thin copper (rubbing). 3. Obverse 1788 and —, reverse blank, thin copper (a rubbing). What German city or state? 4. Obverse, crude head with 12 rosettes around, reverse very crude eagle holding branch and arrow, eight rosettes around, initials J.R.M. beneath, brass, (rubbing). Thank you.

—E. C. L., Ohio

Answer:

I believe your 1788 coin is from Poland, the small silver piece I believe is from one of the Native Indian States, probably Kutch, or Tellichery. J.Fara without doubt is some kind of a token of foreign origin and I believe the other brass piece is one of the many varieties of American Merchant's tokens. All of these pieces are quite unusual and are not listed in any of the publications we have.

—C. F., New York



George Washington wrote this check at Mt. Vernon on September 30, 1799, the year he died. It is said to have been in payment for a silver service.

Question:

Some time ago I read in HOBBIES where a 1921 fifty-cent piece was scarce. I have one in fair condition. Do you know if it has any value? I also have a two-cent piece with the wording, Lunion Falt La Force; the reverse is, Roi Des Belges 1844 Leopold Premier. I also have a five-cent piece dated 1869 that I am curious about. It doesn't look like it is made from silver. Please let me know if these coins have any value.

—Mrs. G. B., Ohio

Answer:

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Hold the Fort Bank

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The stirring battle cry "Hold The Fort" is the appropriate name of the mechanical bank chosen as No. 53 in our numerical classification. This is another of the cannon shooting into the fort type of bank, however, the action is quite realistic in that the cannon actually shoots small steel pellets at the target.

The Hold The Fort Bank was patented by Samuel Clark of Brooklyn, N. Y., on November 20, 1877. The bank shown in the picture closely follows the patent diagrams. Another type was brought out at a later date and this is explained further on in the article. The actual manufacturer of the bank is as yet not known. However, we have other information as to when it was sold and so on. This information appears in the form of an advertisement in the American Athletic Journal for the Winter of 1877. The bank is pictured in the ad and it is exactly the same as the one shown here. In quoting from this advertisement the exact operation of the bank is explained. The entire ad is as follows:

"Hold The Fort"
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"Teach The Young Idea How To Shoot"
"Directions for Operating the Bank.

"Pull the rod, to which the string is attached, as far back as to allow the trigger on top of the cannon to drop in its place. If a percussion wafer is used, put it in the opening provided for it, using care in placing it so that the hammer will strike it. Put the ball in the cannon and it is ready to discharge. Place the coin on the rest behind the rear of the target; press the trigger and the cap will explode, and at the same time the ball will strike the coin and send it in the Bank. The ball generally follows the coin into the Bank and comes out of the perforated bottom. Be careful to procure perfectly round bullets to insure a perfect shot.

"The Bank is made of iron and painted fancy. Size 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ x4 inches.

"Sent by mail, prepaid, \$1.25.

"A few shot and caps, and a flag, are packed with each bank."

Further information about Hold The Fort is also contained in this same issue of the American Athletic Journal. Directly beneath the ad for the Hold The Fort Bank appears the Hold The Fort ink stand. This is of somewhat different appearance having rougher stone-like effect around the sides. There are also seven round holes on each side instead of five as in the bank. The name "Hold The Fort" appears along the bottom edge of one of the sides. The same casting that was used to make the ink well in 1877 was adapted to make the Hold The Fort Bank at a later date. This explains why there are two different types of the Hold The Fort Bank.

Another difference in the two banks is the coin trap arrangement. In the earlier model a removable door is located in the end of the bank. This is at the end where the cannon is located. On the later model there is a removable coin trap in the base of the bank.

The bank shown is in fine condition and original except for the flag. The writer has never seen an original flag. Apparently, judging by the old advertising picture, the flag furnished with the bank was an American flag with the words "Hold The Fort" inscribed thereon.

The bank is nicely painted in an overall grey with blue edging at the top and bottom. The target housing and other outlinings of the bank are done in red. The cannon is painted blue.

The Hold The Fort Bank is a very interesting addition to a collection. It is not easy to find and particularly so in good condition. Any mechanical bank collector should be pleased if he is fortunate enough to obtain either of the two types that were made.

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Numismatics

Money of Yesteryear

By CHARLES FRENCH

Our southern neighbor, Mexico, has one of the oldest coinages in the western hemisphere. Shortly after the conquest of the Aztec Empire and the foundation of New Spain, which is, today, Mexico, the first coins were struck under Charles and Johanna, who ruled from 1536 to 1556 A.D.

Prior to the conquest of the Spaniards, the Aztecs found little need for a medium of exchange. Most commercial transactions were conducted by barter. Cacao beans were used for small change, and for more valuable transactions, cotton fabrics, tin planchets, stone beads, shells, tin scrapers, gold dust and gold eagles were also used.

The Spanish decree of May 11, 1535, authorizing the opening of a mint in Mexico City commenced the long life of the Mexico City mint, and gold, silver and copper coins were struck there continuously until the freedom of Mexico from Spain in 1822. Since then, Mexico has continued operation.

The War of Independence lasted eleven years, ending in 1822. During this war period, Provisional mints were in operations coining emergency money. Some of the most interesting varieties of Mexican coins will be found from 1823 through 1905, for the number of mints and varieties are many, and it is a field not too actively collected as yet.

Mexican mints were, at one time or other, leased to private interests for the coining of money. There is

only one mint in operation today, and it is the Mexico City mint, identified by the small O over M mint mark. It can be seen that there is a good possibility of many rarities being found in the wide variety of mint marks, mint masters, initials and other minor errors, and a study of them would prove extremely interesting and possibly very profitable.

Up until 1869 the denominations were of the old Spanish system of reals and escudos. A real was the monetary equivalent of 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, hence two reals or "two bits" became the equivalent of a twenty-five cent piece. During the early days of our country, thousands of Mexican coins passed current here. In fact, this continued here until 1857.

Coins were struck in silver in one real, two real, four real and eight real pieces. The latter in the earlier days were known as "pieces of eight," later they acquired the name, in the U. S. of "Spanish milled dollars." This legend appeared on our Revolutionary currency prior to 1800. Such coins, having for a hundred years or so, passed here as American coins, should be considered as part of our coinage system as much as we consider Colonial coins as part of our system.

The gold pieces of Mexico were coined in one scudo, two scudo, four scudo and eight scudo pieces. Two Spanish milled dollars were equivalent to a one scudo gold piece. The eight scudo piece was also known as a "doubloon" and had an American value equivalent to sixteen gold dollars. The eight scudo piece was slightly larger than an American twenty dollar gold piece, but much thinner, and had an actual gold value of \$16.00 at the rate of \$20 per ounce of gold.

With the end of the Spanish dollar, the new Mexican "peso" came into existence and was broken up into one hundred centavos instead of the old real system. For years the

Mexican peso was the standard of exchange in many countries, and due to its higher silver content, at one time was worth from 8c to 12c more than our silver dollar.

With the advent of the twentieth century the Mexican peso has continuously declined in value until today their coinage of a silver coin very slightly larger than our silver dollar is a five peso coin and hence the peso has dropped in value from over a dollar to just about 20c.

During the depression of the Thirties when our government called all gold in, the policy of Mexico was to encourage hoarding of gold by its citizens, and many gold coins, were struck. A popular numismatic coin is the large gold fifty peso piece, first struck in 1921. These are still coined, but today no denomination appears upon them, just their gold content.

The Mexican silver dollar coins are very beautiful and interesting. Many have been issued, and they commemorate historic events.

As to Mexico's minor coinage, due to the low value of the peso, the one centavo pieces, being one hundredth of a peso, can be acquired very reasonably. Their exchange value is from five to ten for a cent. This has encouraged coin jewelry manufacturers to import thousands of these pieces for jewelry manufacture.

Of the coins most frequently turning up, the silver eight real coins of the Mexico City mint, coined under Charles III, Charles IV and Ferdinand VII of Spain are the most common. These Spanish milled dollars are being collected much more now than hitherto and I see that some collectors are very interested in securing pieces with as many different mint master initials possible. This is a sign that numismatists are beginning to be aware of the possible hidden rarities this interesting series may have.

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Question:

Please give me information on this one cent piece. The obverse has a flying eagle with a serpent in its claw and the reverse has the denomination of ONE CENT within a wreath and the name Feuchtwangers Coin, position, around the outside of the coin. The coin is of a white metal and the size of our cent. The date is 1837. It has a reeded edge.

—G. B., Rhode Island.

Answer:

The coin you have is known as a Feuchtwanger cent. Feuchtwanger struck 1c and 3c pieces in 1837 out of a special composition, endeavoring to interest the government in the use of this metal. He also was one of the makers of a good many of the Merchants' tokens that were used in circulation in those days. They are not outstandingly rare.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Will you please identify and evaluate the following coins: 1. 180 Einen Thaler, Scheide Munze, 2 Pfennige, 1868 C. 2. 360 Einen Thaler Scheide Munze, 1 Pfennige, 1868 C. 3. Friedr. Wilh. IV Koenig V. Preussen 30 Einen Thaler Scheide Munze, 1 Silber Groschen 1847 D. 4. Wilhelm Koenig Von Preussen, 30 Einen Thaler, Scheide Munze, 1 Silber Groschen 1867 A. Thank you.

—E. H., New Jersey.

Answer:

None of the coins you have listed would be worth more than 25¢ each.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I have in my possession some paper money, family keepsakes, as follows: 1. Commercial Bank of Columbia, S. Carolina, dated April 3, 1833, \$10 bill. 2. Erie and Kalamazoo Railroad Bank No. 25882, Adrian, Michigan, dated Aug. 1, 1853, \$5 bill. 3. Bank of Clifton, Province of Canada, dated Oct. 1859, \$5. 4. Confederate States of America No. 35342, Richmond, February 17, 1864, \$10. The first three are worn but fairly clean, printed one side only. The Confederate bill is in good condition. Can you tell me who to contact to dispose of these? Are they worth anything at all?

—Mrs. M. C. F., Iowa

Answer:

The bills you have, while interesting, are not valuable. Dealers usually pay around 25¢ each for them.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Enjoy very much your department in HOBBIES and would be pleased if you would give me your opinion on the value of several of my coins as follows: 1794 Carolus Dei Gratia, Hispan Et Ind Rex O 8R F M, condition fine. 1725 Hispaniarum Rex, Philippus V D G, condition very fine. 1782 Carolus Dei Gratia, Hispan Et Ind Rex O R, condition fair. 1854 Napoleon Empereur, Empire Francais Deux Centimes, condition very fine if not uncirculated. 1863 Face —has six stars, then "Liberty," then six stars. Head in center. Reverse, words "Our Army" encircled with wreath, copper, size of cent.

—H. H. S., Pennsylvania

Answer:

Your coins are worth as follows: 1794 8 Reals Spain Mex. City, mint, \$2.00. 1725 Phil V Spain denomination unknown (?). 1782 Chas. III 1 Real Mex. City, mint 50¢. 1854 Nap. III, 2 cents. Civil War token 10 cents.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I have found a 1774 Spanish coin and have been trying to find the value of it. The librarian at Bucknell University gave me your address. I will attempt a sketch of the coin on the reverse side of this paper. In the center of the back of the coin it looks to be a Spanish Coat-of-Arms with a King's Crown on top of it. In the center of the front of the coin is a picture, obviously of King Carolus III. His nose is very large and prominent. I would like to know how much it is worth at the present time.

—R. C. K., Pennsylvania

Answer:

The coin you have is a 4 Real piece of Spain struck at the Bolivia mint. Its value is \$2.00.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I am sending you pencil rubbings of 5 coins I own. What is the value of each of these coins? 1. A 13 star, Liberty Head, one cent piece, date 1848. 2. A 2-cent piece, date 1864. 3. A 13 star, Liberty Head, one cent piece, date 1836. 4. A Liberty Head with 13 stars around it, one cent piece, date 1829, coin is dirty and printing hard to read. 5. Liberty Head with 13 stars, with a wide space between the 6th and 7th stars, half cent piece, date 1809.

—Mrs. R. D., Texas

Answer:

Your coins are worth as follows to any dealers: 1809 half cent 50¢; 1829

cent badly worn 15 cents; 1848 cent 20 cents; 1864 2 cent 10 cents; 1836 cent worn 15 cents.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I would like to know the value of these. An 1838 half dollar with the number "504". It shows an eagle with banner over head, whereas the 1838 in a guide book does not have the banner. The reverse is like the 1808 half dollar and the face like 1808 or 1834. The 1838 is very clear and does not look stamped over anything else. Also the 1838 in the guide book has six stars in front of face and seven stars at back. My coin has seven stars in front of face and six stars at back.

—M. R., Wisconsin

Answer:

As to the 1838 half dollar, there is none known as per your description. The 1838 half dollar has a milled edge. Is yours milled or lettered edge? If it is the latter, the coin most likely is an altered date, say an 1838 made from an 1836 or something like that.

—C. F., New York

Question:

What do you think this coin is worth?

—F. H., Pennsylvania

Answer:

I do not believe it is a coin, but think it is the top of a "coin" button that was popular a century or so ago, the button loop having been removed from the reverse.

—C. F., New York

Question:

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INDIAN RELICS

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hopper was commonly fastened to the mortar with asphaltum.

It is quite curious that in Northwestern California, where some of the finest long (18 inches or more) pestles were made, there are no mortars. This was due to the use of the above mentioned basketry hoppers on stone slabs. The faces of these long pestles commonly have flakes off the sides from this pounding on slabs.

In some areas pestles outnumber mortars considerably. This is due not only to the use of wooden mortars but also to the making of holes in large boulders or outcroppings of rock. It is not unusual to find such stone exposures literally pock-marked with mortar holes ranging from shallow pits to holes so deep one wonders how the Indians got the meal out.

From a collector's viewpoint, pestles and mortars are difficult to gather in numbers as they are heavy and cumbersome. They are also heavy for shipping purposes, so dealers can't sell them as freely as other artifacts. Consequently many pestles and mortars have been left out on the sites where they were found. Many, too, have been assembled by non-collectors to "decorate" gardens and set on fireplace hearths. Mortars even have been put in chicken yards as water containers. Sometimes a mortar is seen as a stone bearing at the bottom of the hinge post of a heavy gate.

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For studious persons, about eight ounces of animal food, and twelve of vegetable in twenty-four hours are sufficient.

Go to bed about nine and rise at five should be a general practice.

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Fasten the teeth: Gargle often with phyllerea leaves boiled with a little alum in forge water.

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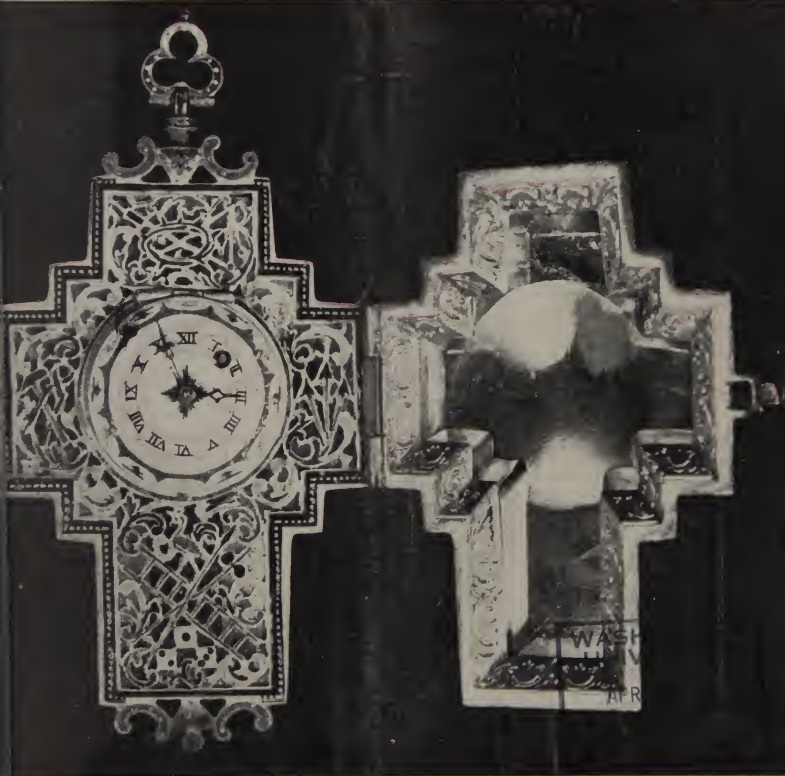
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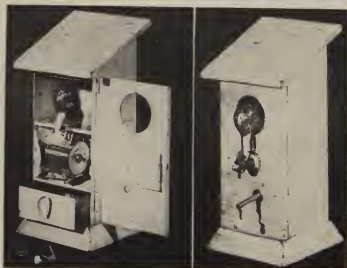
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A bank whose appearance and size are more or less unattractive but whose mechanism and operation are of particular interest is our choice as No. 54 in our numerical classification of mechanical banks. This bank, the Woodpecker Bank, is rather large in size since it is 12 inches high and appearance-wise it is inclined to look rather box-like. Actually the bank represents a bird house made of birch bark and its proportions are about the same as those of an actual bird house, hence its rather large size as compared to the other mechanical banks.

To the best of the writer's knowledge there is, as yet, no known factual background concerning the Woodpecker Bank. From some angles it has indications of a foreign manufacture, possibly Germany. The music box, shown in the picture, is obviously Swiss, however, this is of no help in ascertaining the origin of the bank. It may have been made in England or France, or possibly the United States. There are no markings of any kind that would help to identify it. There is a number stamped in the underside of the base. The banks were apparently numbered in sequence as a specimen belonging to another collector has a different number on the underside.

The bank was obtained by the writer through the good help of Mrs. Rose Arnold of Chicago, Ill. It had been in her family for some 50 years and had originally been given to her brother by a family friend. As Mrs. Arnold recalls the bank was not new when given to her brother and to the best of her memory it was some 10 to 15 years old at the time. This would establish the bank as being made during the period of the 1890's. Unfortunately Mrs. Arnold had no other information as to where the bank originated or any other pertinent facts. It is of interest to note that Mrs. Arnold informed the writer that they had always called the bank the Crow Bank.

Two pictures of the bank are shown, one with the mechanism exposed, as the working parts are unusual and quite different than any of the other mechanical banks. To operate the bank a coin is placed on the end of the perch as shown in the one picture. At this point the bird's head cannot be seen as it is inside of the bank. The operator then turns the crank clockwise and the music box starts playing a tune. As the operator continues to turn the crank the bird's head very slowly emerges from the opening accompanied by the music. The bird then grasps the coin in its beak as shown in the picture. Then the bird very deliberately taps the coin on the perch three times, after the third tap the bird snaps back into the house with a bang dropping the coin inside the bank. The coin drops through a tapered slot into the coin drawer. This drawer is shown partially open in the picture showing the inside of the bank. The music plays during the entire operation and stops right after the woodpecker pops inside the bank with the coin.

The bank is not particularly colorful as the entire outside of the bird house is painted to resemble birch bark. The back part of the door is painted the same way and the inside of the house is cream color. The bird head is black and brown with a yellow beak and the eyes are realistic glass eyes. The perch is painted brown.

The entire structure of the bank is made of a rather heavy sheet iron type of material. This is reinforced around the roof and base by heavy wire inserted in the rolled over edges. The gears and works of the bank are made of brass as is the head of the bird. The head is a finely made two-part stamping. The entire front of the house is hinged like a door and this locks in place with the key shown. Even the crank is original, and this is nickel plated with a porcelain knob.

Perhaps an explanation is in order on the writer's part concerning the Woodpecker Bank. There had existed a certain amount of uncertainty as to whether or not the bank was a commercially produced item to be sold to the trade and thus an authentic mechanical bank. The two known existing specimens, found some 20 odd years ago, were not available for inspection. This was the case until last year when the third known Woodpecker Bank turned up in Philadelphia, and right after this the writer was fortunate enough to obtain his specimen. It's rather unusual, but to the best of the writer's knowledge, there were no specimens of this bank found during the above mentioned 20 odd year period. In any event, there is no question in the writer's mind, after thorough inspection, that the Woodpecker Bank was a commercially produced item and thus an authentic mechanical bank. Let us hope that at some future date information will turn up establishing the actual origin of this interesting bank.

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Numismatics, the word derived from the Latin "Numisma," a coin means the study of coins and medals. Records indicate that some of the first coins began around the eighth century B. C. Since that time the use of coins steadily increased until all of the world uses them today.

The first coins were crude, hammered affairs, uneven in shape, frequently lumpy in form, and not very attractive looking by today's standards. They are, however very important, for they throw light on the domestic and political economies of past civilizations, on their histories, and ways of life.

Throughout the ages the practice has been to bury, or hide coin hoards for safe keeping. This practice enables us today to unearth quantities of these early records of civilization. Many present day collectors marvel that coins, thousands of years old, can be purchased so reasonably. It is the hoards that were hidden away that make these ancient coins so available. True there are some rare varieties, but the majority are reasonably obtained.

The commerce of early civilizations is easily traced through coins.

The finds of Roman gold coins of the early Empire, in India, in considerable quantity, corroborate Pliny's reference to the tremendous drain on Rome of gold to pay for imported Indian luxuries. Again, a find of many Arab silver coins in

Scandinavia explains the purchase of furs, etc., for wealthy Arabian rulers.

As time progressed, certain types of coin designs came to be well known, particularly among the more illiterate peoples. We find an early instance of this in the general acceptance of the tetradrachm of Alexander the Great, and of Athens. It became the accepted coin throughout the civilized world, principally due to its fineness and uniformity in metallic value.

During the Middle Ages the widely accepted coin was the dinar of the Caliphs. Later the ducat of Venice dominated. Such popularity gave the issuers great prosperity, as can be noted through references of history.

Even in our times, the Mexican 8 real piece was the generally accepted coin of trade in China. The Maria Theresa Thaler, dated 1780, and coined with that date from time to time until a few years ago, was the generally accepted unit of trade in Ethiopia and other Central African states. It seems that once a design was known to be of good quality, the ignorant would accept that one and no substitute.

Going back to the time of Alexander the Great, of Macedon, we find his designs so popular, they were copied by many. Even the early tetradrachms of the Ptolemies have a head design similar to Alexanders.

Designs in coinage from earliest times steadily increased in beauty, reaching a peak during the Greek civilizations. Many Greek coins, and coins struck under their influence, are most beautiful. Well centered, with good die work, and good artistic design, perfect specimens of these are a pleasure to observe.

Early Roman coinages closely copied the Greek. But Roman coinage started a long, slow decline as the Roman Empire decayed. Finally, Roman coinage ended up with the debased and poorly struck little Antoniniani of the last emperors. With the collapse of the Roman Empire, and the coming of the Dark Ages, then the Middle Ages, coins were at their lowest ebb.

At first, they crudely imitated the last inferior coins of Rome. Many centuries elapsed before their designs began to improve. I believe the first to show improvement were the early thalers of the Middle European States. Later came the English coins struck with the new system intro-

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Please tell me the money value of the following coins, if any. 1. Georg I Vus VI G Br-Omn Rex; the reverse side reads, Fid Def Ind imp - Half Crown 1943. (Silver) 2. Napoleon III Empereur - 1855 under, the head seems to be five small letters "BARRE", the reverse side has an eagle, letter K under it. The word Empire can be seen and Centimes. Part of the lettering is worn. (Looks like gold). 3. Napoleon III Empereur-1855, reverse side, an eagle, letter B under it. Lettering around edges worn. (looks like gold). 4. Vittorio Emanuele III Re D Italia, reverse side is written cent 5, 1908, a picture of a woman with a wreath in her hand standing in a gondola (letter R on the side) with the words F - Canocica M-L-Giorgi I written at the bottom. Is this gold? 5. U.S. dime dated 1876, Liberty sitting with flag in left hand, reverse side lettering CC. 6. Are the following Canadian coins of any value? 5 cent piece 1926, 3 piece 1934, one cent piece 1921, 1922, one half penny 1942 with a ship on the back. 7. 50 centimes in center of coin, reverse side a star in the center, wording Empire Chert fien and various designs around the star. 8. Indian Head pennies dated 1903, 1906, 1907, 1891, 1899. Thank you.

—Mrs. E. K. G., Georgia

Answer:

Your coins are worth as follows: No. 1, 25c; it is bronze worth 5c; probably same as No. 2; No. 4, 2c; No. 5, 15c; No. 6, 1926 5c; 3 piece 2c; 1921 cent 1c; 1922 cent 10c; English half penny 1c; No. 7, 2c; No. 8, 2c each.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I have been reading your articles in HOBBIES, and have a few coins I cannot identify. I thought perhaps

you could help me. I am sending a drawing of the first. The second one is 1768 with a man of same description but the reverse has the Mother and Child without this coat of arms, and Patrina Bavaria written around it.

The next coin I think is from Great Britain and is the size of an American two-cent piece, copper metal. It has a bust of a man's head. The inscription around the bust reads, George IVs Rex. On the back a lady seated with shield, spear, and olive branch in one hand. The inscription around the figure reads BRITANIA. 1723.

From Germany, I. 1856 small silver coin size of an American half dime. The bust looks like Julius Caesar. The inscription around the bust reads Friedr. Will II. IV Koenig V Preussen. On the back it reads 60 Einen Thaler Scheide Munze 1/2 silver Groschen 1856.

2. Another small coin the same size as above. On the front 4 Pfenn. 1838. On the back in the center a small crown with a shield picturing a horse. The inscription around it reads Kon HANNOV. Scheide-N.

3. Coin size of an American dollar. Is either brass or gold. Has a picture of Von Stein on the front and the inscription reads Winlifer Von Stein Deutschlands Fuhrer in—Zeit 1757-1831. On the back it reads — in the center is a rearing horse, 10000 mark value. The inscription is Notgeld Der Proving Weltfulen 1923.

I have a fifty cent piece American 1912 with the Liberty face pushed out a half inch, beautiful workmanship, made into a medal. What would its value be?

When I was in the Far East I obtained quite a few gold and silver coins from Korea and Japan. I have

a Japanese gold coin the size of our American half dime. It has the sun in the middle enclosed with a wreath with small banner flags on either side. On the back—(a drawing). In the book Coins of the World by Wayne Raymond on pages 170-171 Korea, I have everything on those two pages but there are a few not listed. The silver one yang pieces, the nickel 1/4 yang pieces. Five mun with dragon on front and the back has wreath and in the center (drawing). Then it states that 1/2 muns were struck in Korea during Russian influence, they bore a crowned eagle instead of a dragon. My coin is like the half mun, bears the Russian Eagle and has half dollar at the bottom. Can you find any information on this. Well, I have a few more ancient Chinese to write about next time. I hope you can give me some information about these and their current value. Thank you.

—T. A. Z., Pennsylvania

Answer:

The first two coins are both Bavarian Thalers and the reverse design is of the Madonna and child. The No. 3 is one of the brass inflation coins of Germany worth about \$1. The pushed out half dollar is worth about \$1.00. The Korean pieces are catalogued very high but do not bring anywhere near their catalog value. The last we sold at auction brought about 25 percent of catalog. Japanese gold and scarce pieces are in good demand and bring good prices. The 1/4 Yang pieces were struck from 1892 to 1901 and this is probably why they are not listed (19th Century coins); which also might be the case of the silver 1 Yang piece. The Russian pieces have the Russian Eagle upon them. The five mun piece was struck in copper in 1888 and has a catalogue value of \$1.50.

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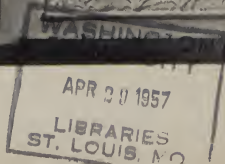
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Mechanical Banks *English vs. American*

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English mechanical banks, among certain of the collectors, have never attained the desirability or popularity of the American made variety. It is understandable that they might not be quite as desirable as those made in the United States as after all mechanical banks are definitely Americana and definitely an original toy product of our country. However, this does not lessen the importance of the English mechanical banks as a collector's item in the field of mechanical bank collecting.

Perhaps some of the so-called mystery surrounding the English banks has indirectly caused certain of the collectors to feel that they are not as desirable in a collection. Actually the English banks, for the most part, were made by companies that were comparable to the concerns who manufactured banks in our own country, and these English banks definitely represent an important group of the mechanical banks. While a number of different specimens were made in England it seemed that the bust type of mechanical bank was the most popular, and in this group they excelled in the number of different types and subjects.

There were two outstanding English concerns that made mechanical banks, John Harper & Company Ltd. and Chamberlin & Hill Ltd. Harper's banks were often identified with the name "Beatrice" as a trade name. They made one of the earliest of the English mechanicals, the Wimbledon Bank, in 1885. Among the other fine specimens manufactured by Harper are such banks as Dinah, the rare Kiltie, Jolly Nigger Butterfly Tie, Little Joe, Hoop-la Bank, Football Bank, and Jolly Nigger Top Hat. They also made the Tommy Bank, and to the best of the writers knowledge, no example of this has been found as yet. The Grenadier Bank, similar to our Creedmore, was also made by Harper in the 1898 period. Chamberlin &

Hill made, among other mechanical banks, the rare Clown Money Box or Clown Bust. So far the writer knows of only one specimen of this bank in a collection. Then they made a different type Jolly Nigger with both movable and fixed eyes. The outstanding bank produced by them, however, was the Little Moe Bank in which the bust type figure tips his hat in polite thanks upon receiving the coin. All the mechanical banks made by John Harper & Chamberlin & Hill are cast iron and appropriately painted in various colors.

The Jolly Nigger Moves Ears is another interesting mechanical bank produced in England. This was made in aluminum and the designers and patentees of this bank were Robert Eastwood Starkie and Nellie Starkie of Burnley, England. This bank is not to be confused with the recently made model designed by Robert Patterson Starkie. The copyright and the Register of Design on this bank were taken out in August, 1945. In this recent model the ears fit on a line with the front and back half, also the overall casting is different than the original Starkie's Patent. On the waffle type base plate of the recent model appears the Registration Number 844290. In the original Starkie Patent the name Starkie appears on the back of the bank between the shoulder blades. Also the ears are set forward near the eyes. A V-shaped section on each side of the back half fits into corresponding sections in the front half and it is at this point that the ears are located. This earlier type also has a top hat.

Another very interesting bank of English origin is the John Bull Money Box. This bank is similar to the Hoop-la and the American made Trick Dog. In this case there is no hoop and the dog jumps in front of a figure of John Bull depositing the coin in a barrel. So far the writer has been unable to ascertain the designer or manufacturer of this bank. Here again the writer knows of only one specimen of this bank in a collection.

In any event, to sum up, the writer does not expect that any of the English mechanical banks will ever reach the high pedestal of the Freedman's or the Harlequin or a number of the other American banks, however, they are an important group and have as much place in a collection as any of the other mechanical banks. No large collection could be considered as completely representative if it did not contain some specimens of the English mechanical banks.



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By CHARLES FRENCH

A most interesting series of coins are the Pattern, Trial and Experimental pieces, that have been issued from time to time. Not only the United States, but many foreign countries have struck Patterns. I shall deal now, however, only with the United States series.

A proper definition of such pieces would be that they were coins, struck for experimental purposes, trials of new designs, experiments with new metals, and the like. Patterns are not legal tender and were never designed for use. True some did get into circulation, but this was not intentional.

I presume Patterns, have always been struck. In the early days, when a set of dies was completed, a trial run would be taken to see how the completed coins would look. Sometimes they were struck in the metal they would appear in, sometimes in anything handy. Hence we find gold coins struck in brass, silver pieces struck in bronze, and many other variations.

During the 19th century much experimentation went on to endeavor to improve our coinage. New fancy designs were tried. Coins with holes in the center were experimented with. There were combination alloys of gold and silver in one coin, pure copper pieces, bronze, aluminum, nickel, copper-nickel, and hundreds of other combinations.

When collecting Patterns, the collector is not surprised to have a dollar piece struck in pure copper or a gold coin struck in silver. Even a gold \$2.50 piece is known to have been struck in aluminum! There is a St. Gaudens Twenty Dollar Gold Piece Pattern, the size of a ten dol-

lar piece, only double thickness.

One can find what we Numismatists are acquainted with as the well known design of, say, a silver dollar, struck the size of a half dollar! We can find Flying Eagle Half Dollars; one-cent pieces with the exact obverse of a Liberty Head. Two-and-one-half Dollar Gold piece; or Flying Eagle Cents, without legends or or dates. There are three-cent pieces identical in size and with the same Liberty Head as old large cents. In fact, the number of varieties are well nigh uncountable.

Patterns are extremely interesting for they often show the evolution of designs in our accepted coinages. For instance, during 1863 the religious fervor of the Civil War created the demand for a religious motto on our coins. The first Patterns bearing this were the two-cent pieces upon which appeared, "God Our Trust," "God and Country."

There are many Patterns that are not really considered such, due to their extreme popularity. The 1856 Flying Eagle Cent was a Pattern. Others were the various designs of Gobrecht Dollars, and the 1849 Double Eagle. All four major varieties of the four Dollar Stellas are Patterns.

In fact, to own a complete collection of Stellas one would have to have, first, the 1879 Flowing Hair variety struck in gold, copper and aluminum, and the 1879 varieties with Coiled Hair struck in gold, copper, aluminum and white metal. During 1880 the Flowing Hair Stella would be of gold, copper and aluminum, and the 1880 Coiled Hair variety would be in gold, copper, and aluminum 13 pieces in all. The cheapest would cost around \$1300.

Patterns were very seldom struck in quantities. The most sought for 1856 copper-nickel Flying Eagle Cent is probably one of the most common of all patterns, even though it, today, brings around \$500, and over. Its popularity is moderate, rather than supply, for it is the desire of all cent collectors to complete their sets with this rare and hard to get cent.

There are so many varieties of Patterns, however, that while very few were struck of each, literally droves of minor varieties were coined, and a complete collection would be very difficult to obtain. Many of the rarer varieties have listing of from one to five pieces coined! Such rarities do not encourage many collectors to endeavor to complete a set!

Among the many thousands of new collectors little is known of pat-

terns both due to their scarce numbers and to the little advertising they get. Then, too, no adequate publications have been issued on them since the 1913 edition of Adams Woodin's excellent book on United States Pattern, Trial and Experimental pieces. While this volume has been reprinted from time to time, it is not available now, and, unfortunately, there is no well made price list available for these coins.

It is therefore easy to understand why one can secure many of these interesting pieces for very little in comparison to their rarity. One can obtain, say, a silver dollar, of which there were less than 25 coined, for under \$25! Others, however, do run very high in value.

As to values, Patterns, struck in the metal they were designed for, usually bring more than those struck in other metals. Gold and the larger silver pieces also seem to be more in demand than the numbers of minor Patterns of three-cent pieces, five-cent pieces, dimes, quarters and the like. One exception to this is the popularity of Cent Patterns.

In the early days very few were struck and none were supposedly released. Starting in 1836, however, an interest in them by collectors consistently grew, not to die down until around 1880. During this time, towards the end, and particularly during the 1870s, it is suspected that many Patterns were struck in quantity to please and assuage the collectors' desires. This great increase may well have been the downfall of actively collecting this series.

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By MARIE KIRKWOOD



The Hon. Joseph F. Sawicki, attorney and former municipal judge of Cleveland, with some of his medals.

As long ago as when he was five and was brought by his parents from Poland, the Hon. Joseph F. Sawicki,

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A mechanical bank bearing an early patent date is our choice as No. 55 in our numerical classification of the mechanical banks. This bank, the Cupola Bank, is, as a matter of fact, the thirteenth mechanical bank covered by a patent. In this case the number thirteen is lucky considering the bank as being a rare good item, however, it is unlucky for some collectors who do not have one since it is a rather scarce item to find.

The bank was patented January 27, 1874 by inventor Diedrich Dieckmann of New York City. It was manufactured by the J. & E. Stevens Company of Cromwell, Conn. In patenting the bank Dieckmann was careful to cover all details so that no coin slot would be exposed until the operation of the mechanism. Also carefully cov-

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The specimen shown was obtained by the writer some years ago in a Boston, Mass., antique shop. An unusual circumstance was that the writer knew of this particular bank being in the possession of the original owner. She was an elderly lady living in East Boston and for several years the writer tried to buy the bank with no success. Sentimental connections were a factor and respecting this, the writer more or less, gave up hopes of owning this particular bank. A surprise was in store, however, when at a later date the same bank showed up in the above mentioned Boston antique shop. Further surprise was the fact that the bank was purchased at a lower price than the writer offered the original owner. This is, of course, an example of the unusual circumstances that every collector sooner or later encounters in adding items to his collection.

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Recording Artists article about
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By CHARLES FRENCH

The first regular coinage of United States coins began with the appearance of the cent and half cent of 1793. We must not consider that this is the real beginning of coins in this continent, for there were many varieties struck prior to this time, under the heading of Colonial coins.

The varieties were caused by the innumerable experiments, shortages, and dire need of coins by the colonists. Some had authoritative backing by the powers in control, others did not. Some originally were coined for use elsewhere, and due to political strife, found their way here. Others were purely pattern or experimental pieces, forerunners of what was to become our first regular coinage. Of these, the Washington coins and tokens, and other similar designs are the foundation of our first regular coinages.

Take for instances the two small and very rare 1792 experimental mint issues, the dime and half dime. One can easily see where the term "dime" and "half dime" originated. The eagle on the reverse of many of the Washington pieces, such as the 1791 cent, 1792 half dollar are very similar to the first used on regular coinages. The 1783 Washington Unity cent has a reverse that is identical in many ways to the reverses of our first large cents.

As one peruses the early colonial pieces of New Jersey, Connecticut, New York, Vermont, and a few others, it is obvious that these, coined during the revolutionary days, show a close similarity to English coins of the day. The seated figure on the reverse is nearly identical to that appearing on the reverse of British half pennies of the time. Busto upon the obverse, resemble those of George I, George II, and George III of England.

Without doubt the Sommer Island

or Bermuda pieces namely shilling, sixpence, threepence and twopence are the earliest struck for they were reputed to have been issued around 1616, but these are not always considered to be part of the American series due to Bermuda's English affiliation. This leaves us with the earliest recognized coins on this continent with the Massachusetts, New England shilling, sixpence, and threepence pieces. These are extremely crude and easily copied and are very rare. Were one to come across these, extreme caution should be used to ascertain their authenticity. I would like to say here that extreme caution should be used with regards to all of the rarer colonial coins for many nearly perfect copies have been made of all. It might be advisable to eye with caution any rare colonial coin if its condition is very excellent, and have it authenticated by an expert before investing a lot of money in it. They have been copied, as electrotypes, cast brass copies, and even actual coins struck from new dies as near as possible to the originals.

In 1652 there appeared the very interesting series of Pine Tree, Willow Tree and Oak Tree coins in denominations of twopence, threepence, sixpence and the popular shillings. These are rare but easily acquired and are the most popular early colonial coins among collectors.

The laws governing counterfeiting of United States coins do not apply to Colonials, for the latter are considered tokens, and therefore not under the jurisdiction of the law.

Due to the shortage of change in the early part of the 18th century an effort was made to supply the need. William Wood, an Englishman, obtained a patent from George I to make copper tokens, not only for the American colonies but also Ireland. His productions all have King George's head on the obverse, the American pieces were of the "Rosa Americana" or American Rose series. These pieces became very popular among the Americans and certainly helped the serious shortage. The Hibernia pieces, with a figure seated on the reverse were very unpopular among the Irish and the British, who finding themselves with these tokens on their hands, and a still crying need for more small change in America, shipped these pieces over here, too. Hence, these coins marked "Hibernia" are truly Colonial coins of early America.

Many of the early pieces were struck without authority of the go-

vernment. It is a mystery to me why, with such a shortage, authority would frown on such issues, particularly when nothing much was done about it in the mother country. The coins, in many instances could be considered "bootleg" issues of the times.

In order to understand the situation, however, one must bear in mind that in those days, any coin of any country was acceptable anywhere, as long as it was of the right size (if copper), of the right fineness and weight, (if silver). Gold pieces, which were very scarce in any event, were accepted at their true gold bullion value. Indeed one can see that the coins used in everyday transactions consisted of practically everything in existence throughout the world. This naturally caused arguments and dickerings as to values. We can imagine the day's transactions would really be interesting and exciting! Coins, in fact, were so scarce that corn, pellets, bullets, and even nails were known to have been used as money. In Massachusetts, a law was passed in 1661 authorizing Indian wampum as a legal tender. It was finally repealed.

Legends on some of the early Colonial pieces are truly interesting. We find, tokens with VALUE ME AS YOU PLEASE upon them. VOCE POPULI (Voice of the People) MIND YOUR BUSINESS; I CUT MY WAY THROUGH; I AM GOOD COPPER; THE WHEELS GO ROUND; PRESERVE CAROLINA AND THE LORD PROPRIETORS; GEORGIUS TRIUMPHO (Triumphant George!) FUGIO. NOVA CAESAREA (New Jersey) NOVA EBORAC (New York), AUCTORI CONNEC. (Connecticut); VERMON AUCTORI (Vermont) NOVA CONSTELLATIO (New Constellation) and many other interesting designs and legends.

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—M. B. F., Oregon

Answer:

Silver coins can be cleaned by making a paste of baking soda and water, and rubbing them. It is not recommended, however, unless the coins are in uncirculated condition or very nearly so.

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—C. F., New York

Question:

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Answer:

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Question:

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Answer:

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Question:

I enclose pencil rubbings of two pieces, both seemingly of silver. No. 1 coin reads, so far as I can decipher: "RVDOPLHVS II, D.G. ROM. IM. SEM. AV. GEHV. NOREX." The other side, "A.D. BVLANDG. ALS. COFE NEC NON. ARCHVDVES." The date looks to be 1605, with what looks like a Capital H, like a mint mark. The No. 2 coin reads, "DO IOHAN. DV. SAX. LAN. THV. E. MAR MIS." then at the edge is a capital B, sideways. The other side reads: "D.G. FRI WIL. DV SAX. LA N. THV. E. MAR. MI MO. IMP." The date is 1583, but coin has a hole drilled through the top. Thank you in advance for your courtesies.

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Answer:

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ty in 1848. Want info. on her ancestors, mother's maiden name. Corres. inv. See #1365.

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#1371 **NULL,** Philip Null, b. 1752 Penn.; d. 1834 Point Pleasant, Va. (drow W. Va.); m. Margaret, R. B. Corres. issue: Henry m. Elizabeth Pool; Glory m. Lewis Otterman; others? Was Philip son of Capt. George and Ann, Want traces. Inv. Null and Beaumont. Corres. inv. See #1370.

#1372 **GOODBAR,** Want Corres. with Goodbar descendants, Joseph b. 1780, C. Va.; m. Margaret, orphaned and raised by sea captain on high seas. To Va. Name of wife? issue? John, a son, born 7/8/1782 (Va.?) m. Rachel Hostetter 5/18/1807 (Va.?) to Ky. b. 1813; Montgomery Co., Ind. 1823. Revol. record for Joseph? Corres. inv. See #1370.

#1373 **WILLIAM J. BORN,** Jane Williams b. 1769 (Ky.?), dau. David and (...); m. George Corn 11/28/1796, Shelby Co., Ky. Several George Corns in Ky. records - need help. A David Williams guide 1775 for surveyors around

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Toy Cannon

(SEE FRONT COVER)

By F. H. GRIFFITH

Fourth of July as celebrated during the 1880's, 1890's, and into 1900 was a far cry from the Fourth of July as we know it today. The Fourth in those days was a real bang-up affair with all types of noisemaking devices employed in the celebration. Unfortunately these devices were, in most cases, rather dangerous and accidents of varying degrees of seriousness were rather common. Then too these various noisemakers were made for and largely used by children and the younger segment of the population.



One of the popular type of noisemaker was the toy cannon. The word toy is rather loosely used from a descriptive standpoint since certain types under some circumstances could be dangerous. However, cannon in the overall picture were considerably safer than many of the other Fourth of July items.



Toy cannon as a collector's item offer several very interesting groups. There are those that actually fired powder and numbers of different types and styles were made in this particular group. Then there were cannons made to fire 22 and 32 blank cartridges and blank shotgun shells. Others were made to shoot firecrackers and paper caps. In each group, whether a firecracker shooter, a paper cap shooter, or one of the others, there are numbers of varieties. Some have four wheel carriages and others two wheels. There are breech loaders and others are loaded through the barrel. Many patents were issued to cover all the varieties and types and, of course, this is part of the interest in collecting the old toy cannons.



One of the very interesting and most desirable of the cannon items is the Flying Artillery shown in the center of the cover picture. This was made by Ives of Bridgeport, Conn., in the 1892 period. It is a powder cannon. The cannon and carriage are black with gold outlining and the wheels are red. The caisson section is painted the same as the cannon and each of the men have blue uniforms with red striping and red hats. One horse is brown and the other white. This is a very attractive piece. It is not only a cannon item but also quite desirable as a horse drawn toy.

A number of the cannons have historical significance. "Remember The Maine," bottom row center in the cover picture, is a rare example of this type. It was made by W. S. Hawker of Dayton, Ohio, and shoots blank shotgun shells. It is nickel plated and sections of the carriage and wheels are painted black. Two other historical items each have the name "Swamp Angel." This name comes from the historic Swamp Angel Cannon of Civil War fame. In the picture one Swamp Angel is to the left of the Flying Artillery and the other is to the right. The one on the left was made by Ives and it fires a 22 blank cartridge. In color it is an overall black. The one on the right was made by Kenton and shoots paper caps. It is completely nickel plated. The fine "Dewey" cannon is another historical piece. This is a nickel plated powder type cannon and it was made by the Kenton Hardware Company. It is pictured in the center of the top row.



The Monarch Cannon fired 32 blank cartridges. This was made by Ives. The barrel is painted black and the carriage is red. This is the first cannon to the left in the bottom row. The "Young America Rapid Fire Gun" was patented February 19, 1907. This was made to shoot marbles. A number of marbles were put in the top barrel and when the side crank was turned the marbles fired from the lower barrel in rapid succession. This cannon is black and the carriage is painted in red and gold. In the picture it is the first item in the top row. The last cannon in the top row is a powder type with red wheels and black barrel. The last cannon in the bottom row is a firecracker shooter. It is dated September 3, 1889. The breech turns to the side so that a firecracker could be inserted into the barrel. The fuse then protruded from the touch hole. This cannon is also black with red wheels. The small cannon between the Monarch and Remember The Maine is also a firecracker shooter. The breech on this cannon opens at the top instead of turning to the side. It is also black with red wheels. The "Match Cannon," the fourth piece to the right in the bottom row, was made to fire the old type sulphur match. It is entirely black with a red rim on the end of the barrel.



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By CHARLES FRENCH

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The situation applies only to gold coins. Gold coin notes must still be turned in to the government, and while one can get face value for these at the present time, they are not to be bought or sold. It is probable that a collector will be permitted to keep these in his collection together with other rare notes but I repeat, they are not to be offered for sale. Until the time a more direct and definite ruling is released, this is the case.

Gold in the form of bullion, gold bars, bricks, particularly with mint assay office stamps, whether rare or not, come under the "Bullion" section of the act on gold. This section states that one must have a license to transact business in these, unfortunately no license is available for gold bullion in numismatic circles. It is therefore clear that coin collectors and dealers are presumed not to have any gold bars. This is a conflicting situation for during the gold rush days, certain very rare gold bars were issued by U.S. Assayers in California and actually were used as money due to the scarcity of coin, and these have been considered numismatic items for many many decades. These, would come under the bullion regulations. There will be

a question as to their status until the situation is clarified. The government's attitude as to the gold notes and rare gold bars seems to be one of inaction provided they are not dealt in, or offered for sale. If one has a rare gold bar or a rare gold note, it is probable that permission can be secured from the government to hold these as part of a collection, but NOT to sell them.

Many years ago, some numismatists made copies of rare United States Coins, as well as Colonials. Some of these were coined copies and others electrotypes. Those made as copies of United States coins or Colonial coins coined at the United States mint are considered to be counterfeits of United States coins, and as such, liable to confiscation. The pieces made as copies of Colonial coins struck by private individuals or in foreign countries do not seem to come under this classification for they are not copies of coins struck by the United States or the Mint.

Prior to the Civil War, the paper currency that passed current in the United States was issued by private banks, States, and other sources. These bills today are no longer redeemable, but occasionally one hears of original plates being existent for the printing of these bills. The use of these plates for the printing of reproductions of these notes, even though they are no longer redeemable, is prohibited and such an act can easily come under the counterfeit laws. As to Confederate currency I know of no law that prohibits the reproduction of these bills, for they were not issued by the United States. Many of these are now appearing as reprints but all of these are clearly marked as "facsimiles", and the paper used, type of printing technique, etc., are so different from the originals as to be easily detected.

We now come to another and very new part of numismatics, formerly known as "frenks" and now renamed "mint errors." These coins, and paper money, mistakes of the mint and Bureau of Engraving and Printing are being collected with more and more ardor, most are unique and I wonder if, some day, perhaps these "errors" may possibly be considered unlawful to be in circulation, even though they have been officially released.

Up to a short while ago, the mutilation of any coin for any purpose

was prohibited and if coins in any form, jewelry or otherwise were offered for sale, were subject to confiscation. Recently, there seems to be a change in the regulations, for there is no longer any objection to the mutilation of foreign coins, although one cannot mutilate United States coins. This has brought about the popularity of the many thousands of coin bracelets, earrings and similar pieces of jewelry that appear available in many stores, all made from foreign coins. While it is not against the law to have or wear jewelry with mutilated American coins upon them, whether gold, silver or bronze, the offering of such jewelry for sale is prohibited and subject to confiscation, also the manufacture which causes the mutilation of United States Coins. There are available very clever bands which are designed to fit all denominations of United States Coins and with these bands coins may be used for jewelry purposes, for they eliminate the necessity of mutilating the coin.

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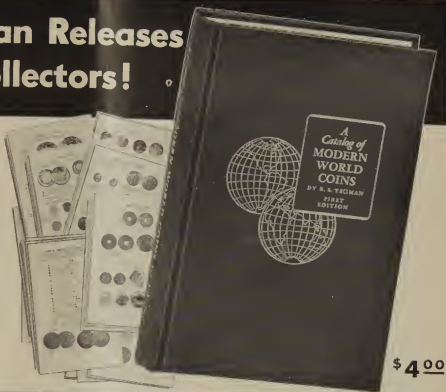
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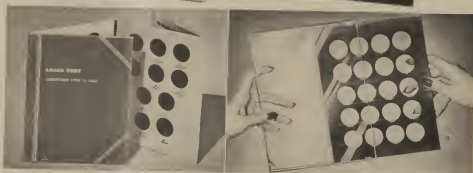
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I am enclosing some pencil rubbings of coins my husband picked up overseas during the war. I would like to know their value, if any. I have picked up quite a bit of knowledge from your articles in HOBBIES.

E. H., Ohio

Answer:

The sample pencil rubbings of the coins your husband brought home are examples of the typical type of foreign minor coins which were brought home by the thousands by GIs. These are a very common variety and can be purchased from dealers at about \$3.00 per hundred.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Please identify pencil rubbing enclosed. On another coin I find this lettering "R.F.M." and "Hispan F.T. Ind." on one side; on the other is the date "1786" and "Carolus III—Delgratia."

Answer:

The pencil rubbing of the piece indicates that it is not a coin but a counter of some kind. The other described piece is of Charles III of Spain.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I am writing you as one of the experts in HOBBIES Magazine. I have a small gold coin slightly over 7/16 of an inch in diameter. One side bears an Indian Head surrounded by 13 stars with the date 1855. The reverse side has a wreath with one star in the middle surrounded by an inscription reading: "California Gold." The coin is in excellent condition. I will greatly appreciate it if you will advise me regarding this coin, and its value from a collector's standpoint.

W. M. E., Tennessee

Answer:

The coin is a small California gold piece. As it appears not to have any denomination on it, such as half-dollar, it is a charm and of little value as a collector's item.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Please advise approximate value on this list of coins.

M. M. R., Kansas

Answer:

Your coins are worth as follows

	Dealers Buying Price	Retail Sales
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\$10, 1908, no motto, v. f.	18.	21.
\$2.50, 1852, very fine	7.50	10.
1888 nickel, good face value		
1856, 3-cent, fine	1.75	3.50
1856 cent, large size, good		
to fine	.25 to .50	.50 to 1.00
I do not understand what you mean by the nickel of 1888 being recalled, they are still available.		

—C. F., New York

Question:

What do the Swedish and Danish people call their dimes and nickels? And what do their coins of this size cost from a coin dealer?

C. R., Ohio

Answer:

Denmark has a denomination known as the Kroner divided into 100 Ore. 10 Ore would be 1/10 of a Kroner. Sweden has the same but the Kronor has a different spelling. Such pieces should be purchasable for from 5¢ to 10¢ each at coin dealers. The foreign exchange value would be about 2¢ to 3¢ each.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Will you please tell me in HOBBIES Magazine the value of the three coins, the rubbings from which I have enclosed. No. 1 is French, dated 1855. No. 2 is Belgian, dated 1847. No. 3 is Austrian, dated 1816. Any information will be greatly appreciated.

J. G. K. III, Virginia

Answer:

Your foreign coins are worth about 5 cents each.

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Question:

Enclosed pencil rubbing of five-cent piece. Could you tell me if it has any value other than the five cents?

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Answer:

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Question:

Recently I came across a United States one dollar bill (Series 1935 D) in which only one half of the blue serial number on the right, also the Treasury Seal, were printed. The black printing across the seal is intact (Washington D. C.). Would this bill have any value other than its face value? The bill has been in circulation but is in very good condition. Have you any idea how this error occurred?

J. M. S., Massachusetts

Answer:

It is unfortunate that the bill is not in crisp, new condition, for as such it would have been worth more, but there is no question that the note is a premium one. Most likely a poorly inked die is the cause of the omission, and it slipped by the inspectors. The bill should be worth from \$2.50 to \$5.00.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I would appreciate it very much if you could tell me what the coins are from these pencil rubbings, also their worth. They are in very good condition.

E. S., Ohio

Answer:

The one coin is of 1601 Saxony known as the Three Brothers Thaler. It is worth \$4.00. The other is 1820 Ferdinand VII of Spain 8 Reals, coined at the Mexico City mint, and is valued at \$2.00.

Question:

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"'Prophet,' said I, 'thing of evil! Prophet still if bird or devil!'"

Briefly, the climax is the Raven's reply of "Nevermore" to the lover's final demand if he shall meet his beloved in another world.

This stanza formed the poem's basic structure and set its tempo. Poe wrote it first so "by establishing the climax, I might the better vary and graduate, as regards seriousness and importance, the preceding queries of the lover—and secondly, that I might definitely settle the rhythm, metre, and the length and general arrangement of the stanza—as well as graduate the stanzas which were to precede, so that none of them might surpass this in rhythmical effect. . . ."

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for the "sonorousness" of the word, Pallas, Poe also observes he "made the night tempestuous, first, to account for the Raven's seeking admission, and secondly, for the effect of contrast with the (physical) serenity within the chamber." Additional contrast was provided by having the lover imagine the flapping of the Raven's wings against the shutter as a "tapping" at the door by the spirit of the departed lover.

Contrast was Poe's indispensable handmaid. He explains, "About the middle of the poem, also, I have availed myself of the force of contrast, with a view of deepening the ultimate impression. For example, an air of the fantastic—approaching as nearly to the ludicrous as was admissible—is given to the Raven's entrance. He comes in with many a flirt and flutter."

After stressing it in two additional stanzas, Poe drops the fantastic for "a tone of the most profound seriousness" leading to the climax. The tone is achieved by "revolution of thought" on the part of the lover, who suddenly stops jesting with the Raven on realizing he is not a clown in feathers but a "grim, ungainly, glastly, gaunt and ominous bird."

Then follows the climax, after which Poe decides: "Two things are invariably required — first, some amount of complexity, or more properly, adaptation; and, secondly, some amount of suggestiveness—some under current, however indefinite of meaning." So he penned two concluding stanzas, "... their suggestiveness being thus made to pervade all the narrative which has preceded them. The under-current (sic) of meaning" Poe says, "is rendered first apparent in the lines— 'Take thy beak from out my heart, And take thy form from off my door! Quoth the Raven 'Nevermore.'"

Poe observes "... the words 'from out my heart' involve the first metaphorical expression in the poem. They, with the answer, 'Nevermore,' dispose the mind to seek a moral in all that has been previously narrated. The reader begins now to regard the Raven as emblematical—but it is not until the very last line of the very last stanza, that the intention of making his emblematical of Mournful and Never-ending Remembrance is permitted distinctly to be seen:

"And the Raven, never sitting, Still is sitting, still is sitting, On the pallid bust of Pallas, Just above my chamber door; And his eyes have all the seeming Of a demon's that is dreaming, And the lamp-light o'er his streaming Throws his shadow on the floor; And my soul from out that shadow That lies floating on the floor Shall be lifted—nevermore."

With this verse Poe ends "The Philosophy of Composition," whose "extent," unlike "The Raven," is not limited to a "single sitting!"

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By F. H. GRIFFITH

Mechanical banks with historical backgrounds are always of added interest and certainly the Afghanistan Bank, our choice as No. 56 in the numerical classification, is a good example of this category. In addition to the historical angle the bank is quite rare and offers simple but interesting action. It also has an intriguing appearance being quite different than any of the other mechanical banks.

Information as to the historical significance of the bank can logically be determined, however, information as to the background of the bank itself is sadly lacking. There are no patent papers known to exist that cover the bank and there are no markings or definite clues that lead to either the designer or the manufacturer. The writer is fortunate enough to have an old catalog picturing the bank and this does establish the period in which it was made. This catalog is the Ehrich's Fashion Quarterly of December, 1885. Certain features of the bank indicate one of two manufacturers. These are Kyser & Rex, Philadelphia, Pa., and the Mechanical Novelty works, New Britain, Conn.

The bank shown was obtained by the writer some years ago from Mark Haber, of Wethersfield, Conn. It was formerly in the collection of the late James C. Jones. It is in fine condition, completely original, and good paint. It has an overall brown japanned type of finish. Considerable outlining of gold was used and the lettering is in gold. The figures of the lion and bear have red eyes and red mouths. The rounded front and side sections of the base are highlighted in green and gold bronze. As can be seen in the picture the name "Afghanistan Bank" appears in the front and under this the word "Herat".

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The historical significance is, of course, of great interest. Herat is the name of a province and city in Afghanistan. It is surrounded by a wall 25' high by 14' thick. Placed around and in the wall itself are five main gates to enter the city. The Mongols and Genghis Khan twice destroyed the city in the 13th and 14th centuries. In the 15th century the city became the center of literature and art in the East and noble buildings were then

constructed. In the 18th century the Afghan tribes came into the city and took control. Persia tried time and again to take over the city but England joining with the Afghans resisted successfully due to the strategic location of Herat in relation to India. Russia meantime was always a threat to India and Herat was the only serious obstacle to a successful invasion of India from the Northwest. So, to sum up, we have the Russian Bear and the British Lion at the gate of Herat in Afghanistan and the situation is well represented by the bank.

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I believe that the published Victor 83113 and 6110-A were incorrectly marked "take 2" and should either be take 3 (March 28, 1917) or take 5 (April 16, 1917). I believe that the data on the "Voices" album is incorrect (there were several incorrect dates given in this album, e.g. the Dalmores on the reverse of the Farrar is the 1912 edition rather than the 1907 as shown).

Will collectors please check their copies of the later recordings (the data on "take 2" is not in dispute—"early" Farrar voice, surface noise and cutting of record clearly indicate a 1908 recording, and it probably will not appear with a Victoria Label, although it may be found with the Victor Label, as well as GP and Pat. Labels) and advise the writer of the marked "take number" and type of label, and the introduction—a single chord or an introductory phrase by the orchestra—on their copies? Many thanks.

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Numismatics

Money of Yesteryear

By CHARLES FRENCH

Collecting large cents has been the granddaddy of all coin collecting in the United States, in my opinion. Most likely their size, attractive to the collector, and the consistent run of dates—from 1793 the first year, until the last in 1857 (only one year is missing and that is 1815), has attracted the collector. At first, the collector endeavored to secure one of every date, then gradually improved those he had originally secured with specimens in better condition. Ultimately, the collection most likely contained nothing but fine or better, and in some instances uncirculated specimens of every year. Collections in this superb condition would be very rare and valuable particularly if the early rare dates and early dated coins were in uncirculated condition. Today such specimens are well nigh impossible to secure.

The interest in large cents was so absorbing that, even though a complete set of dates was acquired, additions to the collection were still made, and this was done by making a study of the many die varieties soon discovered. There are, for instance, 72 different known die varieties for the large cents of 1794. The advanced collectors wanted all of the 72 varieties. While some dates do not have near that many varieties, one can see that sixty-five years of large cents could be enlarged to many hundreds of varieties, many of which are difficult to obtain due to their scarcity.

In the early days, many collectors of these varieties published detailed books on them, clearly indicating what the differences were and identifying them by a number. S. S. Crosby, in 1897 published a fine book on the cents and half-cents of 1793 giving illustrations of all of the varieties of originals and also of all counterfeits formerly made by one Smith.

In 1893, Ed Frossard, published a book on the cents of 1794 with the assistance of a Mr. Hays, who also published a book on cent varieties. In 1890 Francis Worcester Doughty, published a fine book on the "Cents of the United States," which was very comprehensive through 1814, and reasonably accurate through the balance of the series. For years, Howard R. Newcomb's work on the United States copper cents was the authority for cents struck from 1816 through 1857.

Today, Dr. William H. Sheldon's work on early American cents is the authority on cents from 1793 to 1815 and Newcomb's work still prevails from 1816 up to 1857. So, if in a numismatic sale, you see such listings as "1794 S27," the S27 indicates that according to Sheldon's book it is the coin described as # 27.

It takes many years to secure all of the varieties of all dates, particularly in superb condition, and collections that contain these are very valuable.

While cleaning of coins is acceptable to collectors of silver coins, it is not the case with copper coin collectors, particularly those that collect large cents. The most desirable condition to have large cents is uncirculated, without any small scratches of any kind and no wear, or edge dents. They also must have a fine rich dark glossy surface to be very desirable. Some collectors like their uncirculated cents to have traces of the original red color the cents had when they were coined, but the majority prefer them dark and glossy. Reason is that, this glossy oil of the years tends to preserve the cents against any corrosion or other deterioration, while frequently original colored cents can easily develop corrosion spots or other blemishes that may be difficult to remove, and ultimately deteriorate the value of the coin.

Indian Head cents are fast becoming one of the leading denominations, but collectors of these still seem to prefer them with their original red color, even though there is some hazard to having them that way. There is a good deal of experimental cleaning going on with the Indian Heads and some have gotten them so perfect as to be difficult to detect from original "red" cents.

Lincoln cents are becoming very popular. Usually these are collected by mint marks. Here again collectors prefer them brilliant in their original state, and here also cleaning is coming into the field. When one considers that a brilliant uncir-

culated Lincoln cent of 1914 with the D for Denver mint below the date brings \$180, a 1909S VDB uncirculated \$65, one can see what popularity there is in small cent collecting.

Large cents, do not clean well, showing their cleaning very easily. Indian Heads clean up fairly well, but do not seem to hold their color. Lincolns are the best and hold up very well when cleaned. To be certain Lincoln cents are truly uncirculated, it is advisable to examine them closely for minute hairlike scratches which will appear on the coins if they have seen only the slightest amount of circulation.

Beware, too, for altered dates: some unscrupulous people are now making 1914D cents from 1924D, these can be detected by the fact that the 4 is farther away from the rest of the date. They also alter them from 1911 to 1914. The rare 1856 Flying Eagle cent has been subjected to altered copies for many years, but is reasonably easy to detect. On the original the "6," tends to have a narrow top loop, those altered from an "8," have a wide top loop. The A and M of America on the genuine 1856 is also connected at bottom as it is in the 1858 large letter variety. These 1856 Flying Eagle cents are now retailing for \$550 in perfect proof condition. Imagine!



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COIN QUIZ

By CHARLES FRENCH

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Question:

Enclosed are pencil rubbings of a Spanish coin, apparently silver, excavated recently in Whitefield, Me., while executing soils investigations for a new state highway. The coin was found about one foot deep in natural clay soil. Will you please advise me of its nature and possible value?

R. G. W., Jr., Maine.

Answer:

The coin is 1 real Piece of Charles III of Spain dated 1769. It was coined at the Bolivian Mint. Such coins passed as legal tender in America in the early days. Its value is about 50¢.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I have two silver punch ladies, handmade, with gold coins forming the bottom of their bowls. One coin is dated 1757; the other, 1758. Both bear the inscription, "Georgius II," and his profile; also "Dei Gratia." The other side bears four shields; one with the lyre; one, three fleurs-de-lis; the other two, lions and unicorns. Though these coins resemble a florin, they are not exactly the same; at least, they seem not. Also, they do not look like silver; for, after polishing, they still look pale yellow. So, I wonder what they might be, and their worth. Also if their worth as coins is lessened by status in the ladies; or if it would still be lessened by removal. Also, if the value of the ladies themselves might be enhanced or marred by the coins. I do not know how I could make a rubbing from the coins in their present position in the ladies' bowls. But, if you tell me how, I could try. If you appreciate your suggestions.

Mrs. A. R. Ohio

Answer:

The size of the coins would determine their denomination and it is possible that they might be guineas or half-guineas of George II of England. They might also be shillings

that have been gold-plated to get the gold effect. If they are as large as a florin, and gold, they might be a gold two-guinea piece. I would have to see them to determine. Their value as coins is almost completely eliminated due to their having been attached to the ladies. To take them off would not enhance their value, and would only lessen their value as ladies.

There are some collectors of "coin ornaments" and "jewelry," etc., and as such they would be of some value.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Please tell me the value of the following notes. (1) "One dollar, Farmers and Mechanics Bank, Savannah, Georgia, June 1, 1860." (2) "Two dollars, Merchants and Planters Bank, State of Georgia, June 1, 1859." (3) "Five dollars, Farmers & Mechanics Bank, Savannah, Georgia, June 1, 1860." These notes are in fair condition, not torn, and readable.

F. T., New York

Answer:

The three broken bank bills you have retail for around \$1 each in fine condition.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Could you tell me the value of these coins? The first pencil rubbing shows one from the New Orleans mint, the second from the San Francisco mint.

B. P. G., California

Answer:

The two silver dollars you have in circulated condition are worth little or no premium to dealers. The 1879-0 in perfect uncirculated condition, however, demands a premium. It retails in this condition from \$5. to \$7.50.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Enclosed you will find rubbings from three coins: (1) One shilling, dated 1857. The head of Queen Victoria, and the following words around the rim, "Victoria Dei Gratia Britannia: Reg: F:D:" (2) A copper on the front is a head of a woman, coin dated 1944, Mexican, I believe, with the words "CINCO CENTAVOS" around the rim. (3) A silver coin dated 1937, and it has numeral 5 on the front, together with the words, "centavos." The words on the back are, Estados Unidos Mexicanos.

G.M.D., Michigan

Answer:

(1) is worth 10¢; (2) 1¢; (3) is of nickel, worth 1¢: Your descriptions are accurate as to what they are.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Please identify the bronze coin, and I'd like information concerning the value of the others.

Mrs. E. H. Washington

Answer:

Canadian nickels, face value; dollar bill, series 1917, \$1.50; Calif. Pacific Diamond Jubilee Commemorative, \$8.50 if uncirculated. Japanese 1 Sen, 2¢.

—C. F., New York

Question:

The enclosed sheet shows several pencil shadings of two 1955 Lincoln pennies that have "Liberty 1955" and "In God We Trust" stamped double. I know it's considered a freak, but what happens when two are struck in the same manner? Does it run in the same category as the 1922 minus the D? The shadings do not do justice to the actual imprint. Both coins are in almost uncirculated condition. I would appreciate any comment on the coins. What do you think the value would be to a collector of freak coins?

Mrs. T. K. M., Jr., Connecticut

Answer:

I believe this probably occurred by the planchet being struck in its collar so that the die gave it a double strike thereby causing the blurred or double impression. While this is a collector's item it is not a very unusual one. I would say the coin is worth between 25¢ and 50¢.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Will you please give me the value, if any, of the coins listed. Lafayette dollar, 1900; Head dollar S 1879; Columbian half dollar, 1893; Bust type half dollar, 1819; Liberty Seated half dollar, 1872, Three-cent, 1865; Three-cent, 1866; 1 half-dime, 1853-O; Liberty Seated quarter, 1891; Liberty Head five-cent, 1883; like new. All coins very good or fine.

Miss N. H., Indiana

Answer:

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WAIT/BAILLY/VERDE: Electra Wait, dau. of above, d. Bay City, Mich. 1872; m. ca. 1825 William B. Bailly, an Englishman, and had issue: Simeon, Abigail, Rhoda (d. 1854) William. Lived in or near Albany, N.Y. c. 1840; living near Zorra, Can. in 1848; to Mich. ca. 1852. M. 2d t. Verde and had issue 7 children - all of whose ages are known. Desire info. on Bailly descent. Correspondence. See #1401.

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ACKERMAN-CHILD: Robert Ackerman (1763-1823) married Roxalane Child (1768-1823). Children: Lyman, Daniel, John, Robert, Asa, Olive, Roxalane, Solomon, Mark Child, Lora, David, Amanda. Any information, particularly where lived. See #1407.

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#1407 RAMSEY-BEST
James Ramsey (1804-1880)---Sally Best (1803-1881), married August 16, 1827. Had children: Robert Monroe, William Wallace, Elenore Jane, Thomas Mitchell, Adeline Sylvia. Desire any information, particularly state, county, town, resided. Mrs. Douglas Davidson, R.2, Northfield, Minn.

Coin Quiz

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Could you tell me if there is any way to determine as to whether or not Roman coins are genuine and also do you know of any place that deals in them? Thank you very much for this service and I wish to congratulate you on a very informative column in HOBBIES Magazine.

D. V. V., Indiana

Answer:

There are a good many counterfeits of Roman coins, but it takes an expert to identify them. Most reputable dealers deal in them and can be relied upon to supply you with genuine specimens for the majority of Roman coins are not very rare.

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—C. F., New York

Question:

Can you tell me if old coins may be used in making buttons, costume jewelry, cuff links, etc.? Is this permissible or is there any law saying one cannot do this? Thank you

E. L. A., New Jersey

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John Bull's Money Box

By F. H. GRIFFITH

A mechanical bank of English origin is our choice as No. 57 in the numerical classification of the mechanical banks. This bank, John Bull's Money Box, is an outstanding item and has the distinction of being the only mechanical bank known to date that bears the name "Money Box." This terminology is typically English and refers to any coin savings bank. It was also used in the United States as several patent papers covering some of mechanical banks refer to them as money boxes. However, in both the United States and England the word 'Bank' was generally used when a particular specimen was named and so inscribed.

John Bull's Money Box was made in England, but so far neither the designer nor the manufacturer is known. Also the exact period of the bank is unknown as no catalogs, patent papers, or other types of information have turned up that would help establish specific data. It is a likely possibility that the bank was made by either John Harper & Company or Chamberlain & Hill, Ltd., but so far neither company have found any record of their having manufactured the bank.

The bank shown is from the fine collection of Mr. Andrew Emerine, one of the pioneer collectors of mechanical banks. It is a prized item in his collection along

with the Jonah & Whale (Jonah Emerges From Whale), Wimbledon Bank, and a number of others. Emerine obtained the John Bull's Money Box in 1939 from E. R. Harvey, an antique dealer in Norwich, England. This bank was found at the same time as the Wimbledon Bank and several others. It had never been in active circulation and this accounts for the exceptional condition of the bank. The original owner, from whom Mr. Harvey obtained the bank, had originally purchased several mechanical banks from an old established toy warehouse in London. This was around 1903, however, it is not known just how long any of the banks had been in the warehouse. The owner kept them in his personal possession until Mr. Harvey obtained the banks from him.

The bank is very similar to and has the same operation as the American Trick Dog Bank and the English Hoop-la Bank. The main difference, of course, being in the center figure, the dog, and the lack of a hoop. To operate the bank a coin is placed in the dog's mouth as shown, then the lever is pressed and the dog springs forward depositing the coin in the barrel. The dog when pulled back snaps into place and is again ready for action.

The paint on the bank is in excellent condition. The base is black with grey trim and the barrel is black with red trim. The dog is black and white with brown spots and the mouth is red. John Bull has a hat, vest, and boot tops in blue with gold buttons on the vest. His coat is red with gold buttons and he has a red tie and white trousers. His hair is also white. The name "John Bull's Money Box" is inscribed along the front base of the bank.

Mechanical banks have rather contradictory angles as a collector's item. Some of the earliest dated banks are the most common, while some of comparative recent vintage are the rarest. Logically John Bull's Money Box with the figure of John Bull should have been a popular item in England in its time and thus not too difficult to find. This would be comparable to our Uncle Sam Bank which, while a good bank, is rather common and rather easy to add to a collection. John Bull's Money Box does not follow this pattern, however, judging from its scarcity today. Apparently for some reason it must not have sold too well originally or it was made in limited quantity. It's a very interesting bank and the effigy figure of John Bull adds to the desirability of having the bank in a collection.





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Money of Yesteryear

By CHARLES FRENCH

I see by predictions of the future, to be more exact, twenty-five years from now that the world we live in will be a very pleasant place. They say we will only be expected to work four days a week, and have higher incomes. The population of America is predicted to soar to 250,000,000 people by then. House work and all other types of work are to be very much simpler giving us more and more recreation and leisure time. We are also informed that our life span will be increased, and that one of the major problems will be to keep older people occupied after retirement. Can you realize what this is going to do to coin collecting?

With double the population, this alone should double the numbers of coin collectors. Higher incomes will give them more to spend; four day weeks and easier work gives them more time to seek hobbies and pastimes. More retired people will also increase the ranks of coin collectors. I would not be at all surprised if the ranks of coin collectors in a quarter century will reach well over five million! What will this do to coin values? Today's prices will be dirt cheap by the standards of the future. There are no more rare coins, their supplies are limited, demand will soar and up will go the prices. Even our huge quantity of proof sets coined in 1956 will be as nothing to the demand by then. It is not impossible to say that such celebrated rarities as the 1856 flying eagle cents could rise to \$10,000 or even \$50,000 in proof condition by then. Many stamps of great rarity and popularity sell as high as these figures, today, and if one were to consider the values of rare paintings -- these go up to \$100,000.

I am informed that the new Whit-

man Guide book soon to come out represents a large increase in values over the 1957 edition. In many instances three times the values. This indicates the strong upward trend of coin values, and believe me, I feel that anyone even buying at the new, high catalog prices, will marvel some day at how reasonably these coins were purchased. Take the case of commemorative half dollars. There are many issues that were for 25,000 coins. How far will, 25,000 coins go supplying the desires of five million collectors? Not far, and it is easy to see how such short issues can skyrocket to heights formerly unbelievable. I believe the "Roll" collectors are right, there will come a day, no matter how many rolls have been put away, when those rolls, broken up and sold as single pieces will bring fabulous prices. Remember coins do NOT improve in condition with age, they tend through trade and going from collector to collector to deteriorate, no matter how little. This increases the values of "gem" pieces still more.

I was talking to a friend collector the other day, and he was reminiscing about the "old days," recalling when he sent away to purchase half a dozen 1909s VDB cents, uncirculated, for \$1.00 each. The seller wrote him back and said that the new price was \$1.10, the collector got so mad because of the 10c "hold up," he irately told the dealer to "return his money"! He, now is amused at his anger, realizing that those same six 1909 VDB are now retailing for \$65.00 each!

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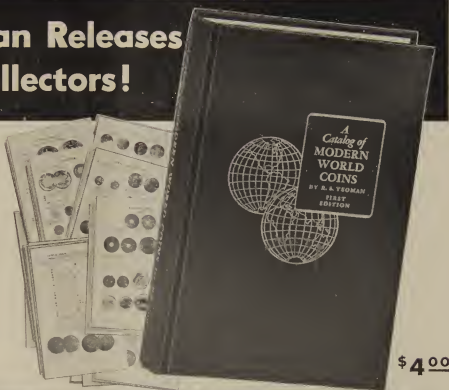
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Question:

Could you give me information on the following coins and bill? (1) Small one dollar bill, Series '35 E. Crisp, new condition, serial No. S-5090790SG, the serial numbers are set over to the left hand side approx. 7/16" more than average bill, one "S" lost in border, other in the frame

surrounding Washington picture. Looks interesting. Any worth? (2) Copper, twenty cash of the East Indian Company, 1803, any value? Could you give me any idea what the lettering on the reverse stands for? (3) Copper, poor condition, draped bust, 1643, could you identify? (4) Spanish? Denomination,

value? 1723, silver. Numbers 2 and 4 are in nice condition, all details sharp, except highlights.

C. K., Illinois

Answer:

The bill is not a rare variety of freak and would be worth only about \$1.25; The East Indian coin is worth about 50¢; #2 is a tournois of France valued in that condition at about 25 cents. The last coin is Spanish, 2 Real piece of Philip V, coined at Seville mint and is valued at about one dollar.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I would like to know the value of these coins, as per the enclosed rubbings: #1, found on a road in southern Germany. Obverse: wig on head, shoulder covered by armor. Inscription: "LvdXIII-dg fr et nav rex." Reverse: fountain in garden. Inscription: "Ornat et irrigat." Bottom: "16-aedif reg-76, cor lavfr." (This last is as correct as I can make out). #2, obverse, figure sitting, worn smooth, date 1854. Reverse: "One dime, United States of America," wreathed. #3, figure sitting, seems same as No. 2. Date 1861. Inscribed "United States of America." Reverse: "Half-Dime," inscription surrounded by leaves in wreath. Detail quite good on this. #4, Indian Head, inscribed "United States of America." Date 1862. Reverse: Inscribed "One Cent," surrounded by wreath and topped by striped shield. Almost perfect condition. I hope you can help me with these. I have been trying to find information especially on No. 1 for about 10 years. I appreciate this service very much.

—B. J. U., Pennsylvania

Answer:

The #1 coin is of Louis XIV of France, 1676, and is valued around 50¢; #2, is a U.S. dime of New Orleans mint, valued at 50¢; #3, half-dime valued at 35¢; #4, white cent, 1862, valued at 25¢.

—C. F., New York

Question:

What is meant by the listing in Red Book of 1886 Indian Head cents (2 var.)? And here's one of personal interest. I did business some 20 years ago with A. French, R.F.D., Troy, N. Y. Any connection?

—J. H. L., Indiana

Answer:

What the Red Book means is that there are two varieties of the 1886 cent (2 var.) They have not gone into detail, however, to describe the varieties they mean.

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And always make it a practice to include postage. As I've mentioned, the cash outlay for post cards is small. Often, for the ordinary courtesy of return postage, you'll receive a card that is worth much more to you than the few stamps you sent.

Another courtesy that, like honesty, is the best policy, is to acknowledge every post card someone sends you. Such a reminder is probably not needed in your own case, but it's well to remember that the person who is graciously and promptly thanked for doing you one favor is the person who may well want to do you another.

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And, of course, near and far, you'll shop for your specialty at stationery stores, rummage sales, drugstores, dime stores, sporting goods shops, soda fountains—the list can be expanded almost indefinitely. It took me some time to realize that the cards displayed at these places are not necessarily all that are available. Glossies are most often given the place of honor (and no wonder, for they're handsome, these newcomers) but many stores have supplies of older cards under the counter or in the storeroom. It was by being persistent that I finally found a post card of

the Ho-Ho-Kus, N. J., public library. Even the librarian didn't know one had ever been made, but there it was, behind the counter at a cigar store, the fourth I'd visited in the town. It does pay to visit all possible stores and keep on asking, "What other cards have you for sale besides those in the rack?" If you do find a storekeeper has a supply of leftover cards it will please him as much as it does you if some of them cross the counter. Finally, be sure to buy a few cards in other people's specialties whenever you have the opportunity. We post card collectors are a bunch of swappers and the more you have to offer the more you are apt to receive.

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The Target Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH



Cannons and guns as a toy item have always had popular appeal to boys. In the field of mechanical banks there is a select group of the cannon type of bank and this would logically seem as though it should have been a popular group and thus more or less easily available to the mechanical bank collector of today. This, however, for some reason is not the case as the only mechanical bank in this group that is somewhat common is the Artillery Bank. All the others are quite scarce and rather hard to find. A fine example of this interesting group is the Target Bank, our choice as No. 58 in the numerical classification of the mechanical banks.

The Target Bank was patented March 20, 1877 by Louis C. Hoffmeister of Philadelphia, Pa., and one half his right was assigned to H. M. Beidler, also of Philadelphia. The action of the bank, which is rather unique, is well covered in the patent papers as is the unusual feature of two coin slots for the admission of small and large coins. The actual manufacturer of the bank, to the best of the writer's knowledge, is unknown. The writer has never seen any old catalogs or similar material referring to or picturing the bank. Also, unfortunately, there are no markings or distinctive features that are indicative of any particular manufacturer. Beidler may have been connected with some concern who

made the bank, however, this possibility has not been established one way or the other.

The specimen pictured is from the fine collection of Mr. L. C. Hegarty. It was found in the Duncansville-Holidaysburg section of Pennsylvania. The bank is in nice original condition, however, the target part is missing. This part was originally located in front of the cannon. It fit into the front of what Hoffmeister in his patent papers referred to as the "house." This target was like a conventional target with circular rings, however, a coin slot ran horizontally across the face at the center. In addition the target was so located in the house that a semi-circular rest was formed in front of the target and this provided for larger coins to rest against the target. An aperture was located in front of the target for the entrance of coins used in this manner. Thus the target itself provided two coin slots, one in the center for small coins and one in front for larger coins.

To operate the bank the firing rod, which runs through the barrel of the cannon, is pulled back into the position shown in the picture. A coin, according to the size, is then placed horizontally in the target or in front of the target. Upon releasing the catch at the end of the carriage the rod springs forward striking the coin, shooting it through the target into the house from whence it drops into the bank. This action is with the smaller coins. When using larger coins the rod strikes the flat surface of the coin pushing it against the target and the coin then drops into the bank.

The bank is attractively painted. The sides of the fort are grey with red edging, the bottom base and the house are blue. The cannon barrel is grey and the carriage is red. The name, "The Target Bank," appears on the side as shown in the picture.

The Target Bank is somewhat similar to Hold The Fort and it is interesting to note that both banks were patented in the same year. However, the mechanism and operation of each bank is quite different. Very few of the Target Banks have turned up so far and it is another difficult item to add to a collection.



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By CHARLES FRENCH

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Should 1959 become the year for a new cent, there will most likely be a wild scramble for the new ones, and without doubt false rumors or errors in design, and so forth, are bound to be forthcoming. That is the pattern of the past. Remember the first year of the Lincoln cents in 1909? Four varieties were coined, the 1909 with the engraver's initials on the reverse, VDB, which were rumored would be rare because a later change removed the VDB. Due to these rumors thousands of brand new 1909 VDB cents were stored away in brilliant uncirculated condition, and today after half a century, can still be obtained quite reasonably in brand new condition. The 1909 without VDB, while scarcer than the 1909 with VDB, is also quite a common coin. This was not the case with the two San Francisco mint cents. This mint, never issuing as many coins as its parent mint in Philadelphia, struck very few cents -- 1909s with the VDB, and this variety is one of the rarest Lincoln cents. The 1909S, without VDB coined later

in the year, while very scarce, is not nearly so rare as the 1909S VDB. We wonder what thrills, false rumors, and possibly real rarities will crop up with the proposed new 1959 cents?

The balance of our series of Jefferson nickels first coined in 1938 cannot be changed for 25 years. For a possible change nothing could occur until 1963. Roosevelt dimes, first coined in 1946 will be with us until 1971. Washington quarters, first coined in 1932 could be changed any time since 1957 is their 25th year. Franklin halves have a long time to go, first having been coined in 1948, which brings their limit of change to 1973.

It is doubtful whether two denominations would be changed in the same year. In fact, it is doubtful if the Washington quarter which is the only coin eligible for change will be changed for another five years. Lincoln cents should rise still further with this change, and a new revived interest in cent collecting will come from the attractive new designs.

The first bronze cent, Indian head of 1864, also had its rarity, for the design with Longacres initial in the headress is well known today; the copper nickel 1864 cent and the bronze 1864 cent without the "L" are not nearly as rare.

Our first small cent the 1856 flying eagle is without question the rarest of all small cents.

It is therefore evident that, the history of small cents has always had a rarity of one variety or another, the 1856 flying eagle cent, the 1864L Indian Head, the 1909S VDB Lincoln cent, and one wonders if the trend will continue with the

proposed new 1959 cent? Chances are that it will not, for today there are many alert collectors and speculators constantly watching for rare varieties, short issues and errors. Only time will tell!

An action has been started to discourage the altering and falsifying of rare coins, and appeals have been made to place a ban on the offering for sale or purchase of such fakes. This is a very good idea for many collectors have been fooled by these. The very bad ones today are the altered date 1856 flying eagle cents, the 1914D cents, the Grant with Star commemorative half dollars, dozens of varieties of electrotypes of large cents and half cents and colonial coins, altered date 1804 dollars, and many more of lesser importance. The government has always frowned upon these but traffic in them still seems to prevail. I hope this action will succeed and put an end to such fakes.

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Question:

Answering your letter of the 16th regarding the copper dollar I wrote you about. Since writing to you I have been told that it is listed in Adams-Woodin list #1483. As to the condition of the coin, it surely could be classified as about uncirculated. Not having a list by Adams-Woodin, I thought mentioning this might be of some help.

—G. G., Massachusetts

Answer:

Your identification of Adams-Woodin #1483 is correct. Being a copper pattern of a dollar, it most likely is a slightly dulled proof, since no wear is evident. As such I believe this coin should bring somewhere between \$20 and \$25 at retail sale, the copper patterns do not bring as much as the silver ones do.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Briefly, I would like to know the best way to care for rolled coins. Should they be removed from the bank's wrapper and rolled in anti-tarnish tissue? Or is it all right to roll wrapper and all? I have been wrapping them as received with the tissue and then rolling them with saran wrap. Had been using aluminum foil but someone said that started some chemical action. What do you recommend? These "Inert Plastic-Vials" we see advertised, do they have any virtue?

—W. H. C., New Mexico

Answer:

I have seen uncirculated coins kept in their original wrappers for many decades and come out just as they were originally with the exception of the edges that came in contact with the actual wrapper itself. This, on such coins, became tarnished, as did each end coin on the outside. The important thing is to keep gasses, dampness, light and other influences on tarnish away from the coins.

It would be better to use the tarnish proof tissue inside the original wrapper. Aluminum or lead foil might harm your coins. Do not let them come in contact with cellophane, saran wrap. If in direct contact with the coins might ruin them in the eyes of collectors.

As to the "inert plastic vials," we have never heard of any damage caused by them. They are new, only time will tell.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I have four coins I would like to have evaluated. The first, a brown coin is between a 25¢ piece and a 50¢ piece as to size. The front has a lady, side view, with "Liberty" written across her hair. It has been used as a medal and has a hole through it. Therefore, I don't know whether it has 12 or 13 stars. It is dated 1835. It has "one cent" in a wreath on the back. Also "United States of America." The second, a brown coin about the size of a nickel. One side has a crown and below it is a large C with IX in it. It is dated 1880. On the other side it says "2 ore" in the middle, with a shark on one side, and what looks like a stem of wheat or sea weed. The third, about the size of a quarter. One side has a picture of the queen and the words, "Victoria D:G:Britt: Reg: F:D:" The other side has a seated figure and "Half Penny." It is dated 1891. The fourth, is a one cent piece but thicker than a dime. Otherwise, it is the same size as a dime. On one side it has "United States of America" and an eagle flying. The date is 1857. The other side is just "One Cent" in a wreath. Thank you.

—Mrs. G. R., Illinois

Answer:

The 1835 large cent has no value as it has been mutilated. The second coin mentioned is a 2 ore of Norway, worth about 1 cent. The third, is an English penny, worth about 1 cent.

The fourth, is a white cent worth about 35 cents.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Please identify these coins from the inclosed pencil rubbings. What? Who? How?

—F. P. W., Missouri

Answer:

The one coin is from Ancient Rome, a medium bronze of Emperor Septimus Severus, in rather nice condition, and is worth \$2.50. The other two pieces are very common Chinese "cash" coins.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I have a coin, in excellent condition, silver, about size of quarter, dated 1827 on face, head of Caesar-like man, reading, "Gar. Felix D-G-rex-sar-cyp-et-hier." Can you identify same and estimate value?

—L. B., New York

Answer:

The coin is of Charles Felix of Sardinia and is valued at about 75¢.

—C. F., New York

Question:

For several years I have been collecting bright uncirculated B. V. rolls of coins. These have been wrapped in tarnish-proof paper (some in aluminum foil), and have then been dipped in wax. The rolls are kept in a basement vault which is always cool but sometimes damp in summer. Would you say this is a safe place for storage of this type rolls or would they be better in a warm place such as an attic, or right in the home? I have felt that, being sealed from the air, the storage spot was not important, but I would welcome your thoughts on the matter.

B. P., Illinois

Answer:

I believe that the wax and aluminum foil and also the tarnish-proof paper should very definitely preserve the coins and stop dampness from entering. Dampness is worse than attic heat, but these precautions should preserve the coins from harm. Be a good idea to open one of the oldest rolls and see how the coins are faring. Cents would be the best test.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I am enclosing pencil rubbings of a Mexican coin. On one side it has the following inscription, "8 R.e. 1894, R.S. 10Ds 20 Cs." On the other, "Republic Mexicana." Would you please tell me the value of it?

R. J., Wisconsin

Answer:

It is a Mexican 8 real silver piece of 1894. It is valued at \$1.00.

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Question:

Could you tell me the value of a three-dollar bill of Continental currency? It is in fair condition and signed by Brannan. I have been unable to find out anything of detail about Continental currency from the library.

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Shoot That Hat Bank

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A very unusual bank with an anti-Chinese background is our choice as No. 59 in our numerical classification of the mechanical banks. This bank, Shoot That Hat Bank, also has the possible distinction of being produced by Ives of Bridgeport, Conn., although, to the best of the writer's knowledge, this has not been conclusively proven.

The bank shown is from the fine collection of L. C. Hegarty. Mr. Hegarty obtained the bank from V. D. Howe, who in turn had purchased it from an antique dealer. This antique dealer was of the so-called picker type, and any further information as to the original source of the bank is unobtainable. The bank itself is in good condition with some necessary repair work done on the base.

The Shoot That Hat Bank was designed by C. F. Ritchel of Bridgeport, Conn., and patented by him November 7, 1882. The bank was assigned by Ritchel to S. S. and G. D. Tallman, toy jobbers of New York City.



The actual manufacturer of the bank is not definitely known, however, it may very well be an Ives product. Ritchel had connections with Ives as borne out by one of his patents covering an animated toy pistol. This pistol is known as the 'Clown On Powder Keg'. It is a firecracker shooter and was patented by Ritchel May 30, 1882, and assigned to Edward R. Ives and Cornelius Blakeslee. The Ives firm, of course, manufactured the pistol and it has the significant type of finish in dark brown varnish commonly used by them. This same type finish is also on the Shoot That Hat Bank, and this, coupled with Ritchel's connection with Ives, logically leads to a possible conclusion as to the manufacturer. It is, however, also possible that either H. L. Judd or The Mechanical Novelty Works manufactured the bank.

The operation of the bank is as follows: A coin is placed in a provided slot in the water plug in front of the shoe-shine boy. The cloth held by the shoe-shine boy rests against the coin and holds it in place. When the lever is pressed the standing figure clamps the hat down onto the head of the seated figure. The top of the hat rises exposing the face of a Chinaman. Meantime the head of the seated figure is forced downward causing the arms to rise. This releases the coin and it drops between the legs of the figure into a provided slot and on into the base of the bank. Upon releasing the lever the figures return to the position shown in the picture.

As to the paint on the bank, all the figures and the upper part of the bank are a dark brown varnish type of finish. The base of the bank is black, and here again this is a varnish type of finish. The wording "Shoot That Hat Bank" appears on both sides of the base.

It is of interest to note that an animated toy pistol has practically the same name as the bank under discussion. This pistol is called Shoot The Hat, and this name appears on the barrel. Here the action is about the same. A figure clamps a hat on a seated Chinaman and in so doing fires a paper cap previously inserted inside the hat. This toy pistol is, of course, an anti-Chinese item, the same as the Shoot That Hat Bank, and of the same period when this feeling was so prevalent in our country. This pistol was an Ives product.

Ritchel, as a bank designer, apparently shared C. F. Bailey's subtle designing desire to express the feeling of the times in a child's toy. In any event, both Ritchel's Shoot That Hat Bank and Bailey's Chinaman In Boat are quite rare items and very difficult to add to a collection.



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By CHARLES FRENCH

The annual convention of the American Numismatic Association is the largest affair in the numismatic world. This year it was held in August in Philadelphia, Pa. Seventy-two dealers took bourse space where they offered coins and numismatic supplies for sale, and bought and traded with other collectors and dealers. Highlights of the event included election of officers, tours of historic Philadelphia, and a big banquet.

Such conventions reflect offhand the trend of prices of numismatic items. The hitherto proof set popularity was completely absent. A year ago proof sets were booming and skyrocketing in value.

Speculation in uncirculated rolls of coins of recent years, while still active shows some signs of slowing down. Interest in Commemorative coins was a trifle weak.

On the other hand, gold coin values were booming and I list below the dealers retail prices asked for various denominations.

Gold dollars	\$13.00 to \$15.00
Gold three dollars	37.50 to 45.00
Gold \$2.50 Liberty head	11.00 to 14.00
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\$5. pieces	12.00 to 14.00
\$10 pieces	21.00 to 25.00
\$20 pieces	41.00 to 60.00

Prices above were for very fine coins of the commoner varieties, not extremely rare ones. If you were to sell, you could expect better prices than heretofore allowing for dealers profits on above values.

Activity in fractional currency is lagging. In broken bank bills interest is very active. Interest in Indian Head and Lincoln Cents, seems to be the most active of all. Activity in silver dollars prior to 1803, is picking up, and values strengthening; silver dollars 1878 to date, show some weak-

ness, little interest. Half dollars, to 1891, are steady to strong in interest. Morgan type coins, in good condition, interests good to increasing. Quarter dollars, all types, interest steady. Other denominations, interest steady. Foreign gold coins interest strong. Foreign crowns interest steady. Pattern coins, interest steady but spotty. California gold coins, interest steady to strong. Large cents, choice, activity a little weak.

While the above reflects conditions at present, it does not mean that they will continue so. For the coin collectors interest can change very rapidly. An analysis of the above shows that most all denominations show very little change with the exception of the proof set situation, and the strong undertone of the gold coin market.

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By D. TUDOR HARRELL

The dollar sign has a very interesting history. The word "dollar" is from the Low German for thaler, which is the abbreviation for Joachimsthalers' a small Bohemian town where a rich silver mine was discovered in the beginning of the 16th century. The feudal lords had coins struck, and these soon began to be used all over Europe. These were called "Joachimsthalers" or "thalers."

In Spain, similar coins were used, called "Pieces of Eight," because they were divided into eight smaller coins.

All of these coins were used in the colonies of both North and South America. In North America they became dollars. The word "dollar" was adopted definitely by the United States, but the sign for the new coin was that of the old Spanish "piece of eight." This showed the figure 8 crossed by two lines representing the Pillars of Hercules, the gateway between the Mediterranean and Atlantic at the southern tip of Spain.

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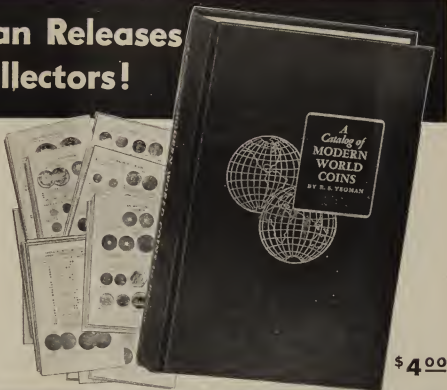
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By CHARLES FRENCH

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I am enclosing a pencil rubbing of a coin that my husband found while digging in the back yard. It appears to be silver and very old.

Can you tell me also if there is any value or rarity in a United States half dime dated 1856?

—A. R., Michigan

Answer:

The 1856 half dime is valued at \$1. in good condition. The other coin resembles a silver tetradrachm of ancient Greece, but does not have the designs of the coins. I am acquainted with. The engraved pitted background leads me to believe the piece is a recent copy, probably made to be used by the jewelry trade.

—C. F., New York

Question:

A friend of mine has a copper mite. Clt has "mite" in the center on one side; on the back it has the wording of the "Lord's Prayer." It also bears the wording of "the smallest ever coined." When was it coined? What is its value?

—Mrs. H. S., Ohio

Answer:

Tokens with the "Lord's Prayer" on the reverse were made the latter part of the 19th century. They are not rare and of curiosity value only.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I am enclosing pencil rubbings of a large cent with the date 1851 on the front, and *Old Cent* on obverse side. It is not very good workmanship, and the fact that it is inscribed "*Old Cent*" in place of *One Cent* leads one to infer that it is counterfeit. Would appreciate your advice.

—W. M., Mississippi

Answer:

Although the pencil rubbing is rather blurred, the coin seems to be genuine. What probably happened is that someone altered the word "one" to "old."

—C. F., New York

Question:

Will you please tell me the name of this coin and also the value? It is in fine condition.

—G. M. M., Tennessee

Answer:

Your coin is a thaler of Hungary, 1782. In fine condition its value is around \$2.50.

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Answer:

Your coins are worth about 50 cents each.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Enclosed find rubbing of coin or medal. Please inform me about it.

—A. F. L., Wisconsin

Answer:

Your coin is an ecu of Louis XIII of France worth about \$5.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Will you please identify and evaluate the following undated copper coin? In the center on the front of the coin written around a king's head is L-XIII Roy De Fr E I De N — fading out. On the reverse there is *Liard de France*, B. The edge is smooth and writing clear.

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Answer:

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I would like an estimate on illustrated coin.

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Question:

Please give me the value and origins of the coins and medal, as per the enclosed rubbings.

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Answer:

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—C. F., New York

Question:

I have a silver coin dated 1786. It is the size of our silver dollar, and about as thick. It reads on date side "Carolus III, Dei Gratia," and has ruler's head; on reverse side is a crown and other marks, and reads: "Hispan, E.T. ind Rex ME 8 R M 1." Could this be one of the Pieces of Eight, and if so, what would be its value?

—Mrs. L. O. H., Massachusetts

Answer:

Your coin is one of the Piece of Eight pieces of later issue. It is valued at \$2.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I am enclosing rubbings of two Republic of Mexico coins. Will you please tell me about them?

—R. M. S., New York

Answer:

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—Mrs. B. B., Arizona

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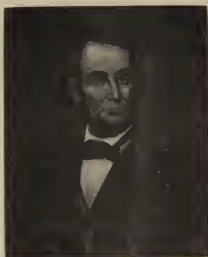
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Recast Mechanical Banks

By F. H. GRIFFITH

The writer has always, to the best of his ability, tried to keep current on any situations or complications that have any bearing on the collecting of mechanical banks. Numbers of letters have been received expressing concern over recast mechanical banks. These letters have been more prevalent in recent months due to the reproductions sponsored by a large Eastern concern. The reproductions are being sold through some banking institutions. The distributor's schedule lists a different bank for each month through June 1958, with a possibility of the program continuing for several years.

It is claimed by the sponsors that the banks are being made from original specimens and according to procedures used in making the original mechanical banks. Needless to say, these would automatically be in the class of recast mechanical banks. They are, however, defined as reproductions on the base plate of each bank. We are not in any way intimating or suggesting that the manufacturer or banking institutions are doing anything wrong or unethical, and agree that they have a right to do what they are doing, and that there is no misrepresentation on their part, because the products are marked or defined as reproductions. We are concerned only with what subsequent users or purchasers might do with the banks after they get possession of them. Unfortunately the method of identification as a reproduction has not proven sufficient, as a number of cases have already occurred whereby other base plates have been inserted in the banks and then offered to antique dealers and collectors as original specimens.

These circumstances are most certainly not beneficial to the hobby of collecting mechanical banks. Of course if an individual has some experience in the field of mechanical bank collecting it is not difficult for him to readily recognize these reproduction banks for what they are. The surface is quite rough and pebbly, the paint is entirely different than on the old banks, and there are other differences. The information on these banks is being brought to the attention of HOBBIES readers as a precautionary measure. The banks to be reproduced

as listed by the concerns involved are Creedmore Bank, The World's Fair Bank, Magician Bank, U.S. Cannon Bank, Bucking Buffalo Bank, Artillery Bank, Organ Bank, Tammany Bank, 'Spise A Mule Bank, Eagle, Eaglettes Bank, Dog On Oblong Base Bank, Punch and Judy Bank. Each bank is issued monthly in the order given from June of 1957 through April 1958.

These banks, in the writer's opinion, will in no way affect the value of the old, original specimens any more than reprint Currier & Ives prints have affected the value of the original prints themselves. The danger of the situation exists in these reproductions being offered and sold as an original specimen by unscrupulous individuals, who remove the identifying base plate and insert others. This is a difficult problem to control and unfortunately it is up to each person to protect himself. It is suggested that both dealers and collectors use a greater degree of discretion when purchasing mechanical banks from unknown sources. This is particularly important on the dealer's part whereby some stranger either visits the dealer's shop or a booth in an antique show and offers a mechanical bank or banks for sale.

It is also well to bear in mind that the terminology "authentic reproductions" is a rather meaningless use of words. "Authentic" according to Webster's Dictionary, means genuine, and the only genuine item in the case of a mechanical bank is the old original bank itself. The reproduction of this bank is not authentic, but simply a recast bank and, as such, has no value in a collection. Any individual with the proper equipment can recast a mechanical bank, but the end result is nothing more than a recast item, which has no value to a collector.

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Another problem faces the mechanical bank collector of today and this has to do with certain practices involving recasting and faking mechanical banks. This has even gone so far as to involve the misuse of some original patterns of mechanical banks, and unfortunately in several cases these patterns are of some of the rarer banks. Fortunately, these

recast banks are not very good and not difficult to distinguish. However, there have been a number of cases whereby some inexperienced dealers and collectors have been hoodwinked. It does seem a shame that anybody would stoop so low as to become involved in trying to destroy a fine hobby. However, similar circumstances have occurred in various other hobbies, including coins, paperweights, prints, glass, and about anything else a person might mention.

It is further understood that some of these recast banks have come back home to roost, and sooner or later the roof will cave in. In any event, it is time now that the readers of HOBBIES should be informed of these activities, and the writer feels sure that a word to the wise is sufficient.

In closing the writer would like to express his opinion that the collecting of mechanical banks will remain a fine hobby in spite of various recast efforts and the like. Fine, original mechanical banks will always remain a desirable collector's item and interest will continue to increase as it has over the past years. After all, some 15 to 20 years ago there were several individuals involved in recasting banks and their efforts in no way harmed the mechanical bank hobby. The old, original specimens became more and more desirable and increased in value. Over the years this has continued to be the case right up to date. There is no reason that mechanical banks will not continue to enjoy their increasing popularity. They are definitely Americana and represent an ingenious period of American toy production. They are part of the heritage of our country as connected with a period of our history. They represent a past way of life and living in our country, the same as Currier & Ives prints. They are clever involved mechanisms with fascinating mechanical action, and while originally made as toys to encourage children to save they had and have just as much, if not more, appeal to grownups. Surely circumstances such as those under discussion cannot destroy a hobby so well entrenched in the hearts of the many collectors of mechanical banks.



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Money of Yesteryear

By CHARLES FRENCH

Many collectors have been obtaining rolls of strictly uncirculated coins from all of the mints. Around 1950 this practice was so popular that many speculators and investors put hundreds, and sometimes thousands, of rolls away. Rumor has it that the entire issue of 1955 Philadelphia half dollars was absorbed by this type of investor. With such quantities being taken out of circulation, one wonders just how good an investment the rolls of coins are from 1950 up.

True some of the issues are very short, and should normally be scarce. Also true is the increased demand for such coins. Many have already risen to fabulous heights for coins so recently coined. We wonder, however, whether a good amount of this rise is due to the "holding back" of the vast hoard put away, and whether these issues can maintain their high values, or go higher when these vast hoards are released. Dealers are now asking \$38.50 for a two dollar roll of 1950 Denver mint nickels, \$95 for a roll of 1949 San Francisco mint dimes. The 1949 Philadelphia half rolls are \$100, or more.

Some of the rolls that were put away in the 1930s, are now being broken up, and the coins sold by the piece. We note such outstanding catalog valuations as: 1938 Denver half dollars \$22.50 each, and the 1937 Denver half dollars \$15.00 each; 1939 Denver mint cents are listed at \$45.00 per roll; 1935 San Francisco or Denver mint cents \$32.50 per roll; 1939 San Francisco mint nickels \$6.50 per coin catalog valuation; the 1939 Denver nickels \$7.00 per coin;

1931 S cents, one of the shortest coinages, are now quoted at \$18 per coin. (That would make a roll worth \$900.)! Not bad for a 50¢ investment, twenty six years ago.

I feel that the rolls of coins, put away from 1940 through 1950 are about to come into their own, and if held another ten years, will equal, or go higher than the coins of the 1930s have already done. It seems that after 15 to 20 years, such rolls are broken up and the coins begin to sell by the piece. When this happens, then is the time their values skyrocket to their greatest degree, and then they seem to level off and stabilize their values.

All dates and denominations do not rise to great heights, only those that had short issues, or those no one saved. During the 1940s a great many of the "d" and "s" mint coins were put away, but very little of the Philadelphia mint pieces. It is therefore easy to assume that, some day, uncirculated specimens of the Philadelphia mint coins may be harder to find than the branch mints, even though the coinages at Philadelphia were much higher.

Prior to 1930 very, very few coins were put away in rolls and anyone who was wise enough to do so then, would truly be worth a fortune in coins today. I have figured that, if one had put away a roll of uncirculated cents from 1909 through 1930 from all mints the total investment would have been \$31.50 at around 1.50 per year, and the catalog valuation today

would be \$42,987! A roll of each of the mint marked quarters from 1916 through 1930 an investment of \$380, would have a catalog valuation today of \$50,680. Half dollars from 1916 through 1930, with an investment of \$2.50, would catalog at \$118,600. Dimes with an investment of \$1.90 would catalog at \$61,375. Nickels from 1913 through 1930 with an investment of \$1.02 would catalog at \$64,410. A roll put away of each denomination and each mint, uncirculated, as above, would have required an investment of \$953.50 over the entire time, and the current catalog valuation of uncirculated rolls would be \$335,052.00; Covering a period of twenty-one years maximum an average investment of only \$45.44 per year! Plus the fact that you would have been buying United States money at face value and couldn't possibly lose any part of your investment, as long as the dear old USA was in existence!



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By CHARLES FRENCH

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Question:

On page 104, of the June issue, there is an article by Harry Bosley about coins minted 1955, at the San Francisco mint. Does that mean ordinary type coins (no words like "Friscoes")? What is current value? I found 2 one-cent coins in my box of pennies.

—R. R. K., California

Answer:

Yes, Mr. Bosley means ordinary type coins, but those that tend to have a premium must be in perfect uncirculated condition and at the present time are dealt in rolls only.

—C. F., New York

Question:

What is the value of the enclosed list of coins?

—Mrs. E. M., Tennessee

Answer:

The 1856 California piece is a charm and of no value. 1856 3-cent silver 50¢; 1832 5-cent silver 50¢; 1842 3-cent, none coined that year; 1864 10-cent note 25¢; Columbian half, \$1.00. Prices given are for coins in from good to fine condition.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I am enclosing pencil rubbings and description of 5 coins I have acquired. I would appreciate information as to their values and origins.

—R. D. G., South Dakota

Answer:

The British piece is of Hanover, and is a brass token, worth 5¢; the 1816 large cent is in pretty poor condition, thus worth 25¢. The copper coin of Napoleon is also very common, value about 10 cents. The other two large bronzes are 5-kopek pieces of Russia and are worth about 50 cents each.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Please tell me what my Confederate bills (as described) are worth.

—O. R., Missouri

Answer:

1864 Confederate notes in fine condition sell for around 50¢ to \$1.00 each and dealers pay about half of that for quantities. If they are crisp new, absolutely unused, they are worth more.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Will you kindly give me information about the following: small \$20. bill, Series 1929, issued by The Merchants National Bank of New Bedford, Mass., Serial No. B001696A; at left hand side of face appear numbers 799, and at the right hand side of face appear numbers 7 9 9.

—A. L. Z., Maryland

Answer:

This is a common National bank note, worth face value only.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Please tell me the value of these coins (see rubbings).

—J. V. Y., Louisiana

Answer:

Your first coin seems to be a Didrachm of Neapolis (Campania) which is modern Naples BC 336-280 with head of Parthenope; reverse, man head bull, and in fine condition this coin retails for \$5.00.

The second coin is not easily identified as the lettering on the left obverse is missing. However, I believe it is of around the 16th to 17th century, and from Central Europe. Not rare, valued at around \$1.00.

The third piece, a Roman coin in bronze, is a medium bronze. While I am not certain, as I cannot read the legends on the pencil rubbings, I believe this is of Emperor Marcus Aurelius Probus, 276-282, valued in the condition illustrated at around \$2.00.

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Question:

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Answer:

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—E. A. M., Maine

Answer:

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—C. F., New York

Question:

Attached please find pencil rubbings of Chinese coin. Can you please identify and evaluate?

—W. C. S., Idaho

Answer:

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—C. F., New York

Question:

I would like information on a ten dollar bill. It is not a gold bank or gold certificate, but is green on the Hamilton picture side, and gold on the other, Series 1950 A, L 98026 800 A. Is there any particular value to it?

—Mrs. R. F. M., California

Answer:

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—C. F., New York

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A TINY TRIUMPH

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